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Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed article.

For many years I have taken pride in the belief that you were a fellow Montgomerian, but if Mr. Stanley is right and I am wrong, I can still continue to take even more pride in the fact that your father and my grandfather were not only business associates over a long period of years but also warm friends.

The accusation that you are bitter toward the South, is, of course, as absurd as the charge that a man is bitter toward his friend because he expresses concern that his friend is suffering from a severe illness that needs treatment.

Your record as a fighter for human decency and basic American principles is one which should invoke the deepest sense of gratitude in Americans throughout the country whether they be Northerners or Southerners.

In our fear of change we seem to be forgetting the true American traditions.

With warmest regards,

I am sincerely,

Clifford J. Durr

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