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Governor Herbert H. Lehman,
Executive Mansion,
Albany, New York.

My dear Governor Lehman:

Some of us have wondered what you would think of the idea of organizing a Committee of Governors for the Committee to Defend America. We should like to have a larger number of committees. We have a Labor Division, a Women's Division and several others of lesser importance. We have now the following governors on our national committee: yourself, Ralph L. Carr, Spessard L. Holland and Payne Rater. In addition, we have the following ex-governors: Carl E. Bailey, Lewis O. Barrows, A. Harry Moore, Fred. F. Cone, Francis F. Murphy, and William H. Vanderbilt.

My guess is that now the majority of governors, if properly approached, would be willing to be members of such a committee.

If you agree that this should be done, would you be willing to extend the invitation and to be chairman of such a committee? Such action on your part would insure its success.

We have a strong national committee, some eight hundred chapters and about seventeen state organizations. We wish to enlarge our national committee, our state organizations and local chapters this winter. And, in addition, I feel that it would lend new names, color and influence to the committee if we could have a Committee of Governors, of Mayors, etc.

In the second place, if I am not asking you too much in one letter, we should like to know if you would be willing to deliver a radio speech for our committee some time in the next few weeks over a coast-to-coast hookup.

Most faithfully yours,

Clark M. Eichelberger