December 30, 1942

Governor Herbert H. Lehman
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sure you are familiar with the work of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace of which Professor James T. Shotwell is Chairman and I am Director.

Its First Report, published in November 1940, dealt with the fundamental principles of a lasting peace, and its Second Report dealt with the problems of reconstruction we face when hostilities cease. Its Third Report, nearing completion, deals with the organization of the United Nations to carry out the principles of the Atlantic Charter. We usually publish a book containing the Report and the supplementary papers of the rapporteurs.

We wish to have an all-day meeting in New York on either February 13 or February 27 at which the Third Report will be presented to the public. The program for the morning and afternoon sessions is, roughly, as follows: Professor Shotwell will preside at the morning session and will discuss the work of the Commission. At this session also Carter Goodrich will discuss social reconstruction and Quincy Wright the problem of human rights. At the afternoon session, under the chairmanship of Dr. William Allan Neilson, Professor Gideonse will probably be the speaker on the political organization of the United Nations.

It is the unanimous vote of the Commission that I urge you to deliver the main address of the day which would be at luncheon in the hope that you would speak on any phase of your work of reconstruction and rehabilitation that you wish. It is really the heart of our Report.

We would arrange it on either of these two dates to suit your convenience though we would prefer the latter data. I am sure that we could secure radio time for your address.
I should expect the luncheon audience would be at least 500 people, most of them active in the field of international relations who use our Reports for their own constituencies.

I cannot tell you how much we hope you will accept this invitation. May I extend my wishes for a happy and successful New Year.

Faithfully,

Clark M. Eichelberger,
Director