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The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
820 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lehman:

When I appealed to you in the spring this year for help in bringing to our people an understanding of the revolutionary changes which have occurred in this world through the release of atomic energy, you sent me a quick and generous response. Because you so early helped the scientists in our effort to make use of human understanding to solve the central problem of our times while time remains, I am particularly eager that you should be with us in Princeton next month when our definitive program will be announced in its final form.

I have called a full meeting of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists at Princeton on the 15th, 16th and 17th of November together with representatives of scientific groups throughout the country associated with this effort. The first two days of this conference will be used by the scientists to reach final agreement on our program of education for survival to be presented to the American public and on the allotment of responsibilities in administering. We are mindful that we are faced with a tremendous educational project which must be completed in months rather than the years or decades usually allowed the learning process. We have learned that \$200,000, the sum set for our initial goal, is inadequate to the task. The enlarged campaign we are about to undertake will require the expenditure of one million dollars.

On Sunday, November 17th, I am inviting a small group of representative citizens from throughout the country to meet with me and my colleagues. I should like you and Mrs. Lehman to join us as my guests for luncheon at one o'clock in the dining room of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. At our luncheon, Dr. Harold C. Urey of the University of Chicago will present to our guests the program of this committee, lay before them our financial needs, and ask for their support. After luncheon there will be an opportunity for full and frank discussion between guests and scientists. In the late afternoon, Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director, and the Members of the Institute for Advanced Study, will be our hosts at tea.

It is my earnest hope that you and Mrs. Lehman will be with us for luncheon and for the discussion which follows. I am inviting to this meeting friends from all parts of the country and I am fully conscious that many will come at great personal inconvenience. I do not hesitate to call

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upon you to share in the sacrifices which time and events have laid upon all thinking men and women. At stake is the fate of our civilization. In these fateful years let us resolve that nothing we can do shall be left undone in this struggle to preserve and hand on to those who come after us the civilization which generations of mankind have builded through the centuries.

Faithfully yours,

A. Einstein.