San Francisco,
April 28, 1945.

Dear Governor,

This is just a hasty note to give you some idea of what is going on in the matter which interest you—namely the Economic and Social Council.

I found as soon as I got on the train that nearly all the economic experts were at loose ends. No one was very satisfied with the Dumbarton Oaks draft, but no one seemed to know what to do about it. I suggested that the most useful thing which could be done would be to set up an interim Commission which would begin to function almost immediately after the Conference ended, instead of having to wait until the Charter was ratified and the Economic and Social Council established, which might take a year.

I drafted a resolution for this purpose (copy enclosed). I then got Oscar Lynd and Harry White to agree to put it up to the American delegation. I have also given it to Mike Basson, Alphart, some people in the British delegation and others. There is widespread interest in the proposal and it looks to me as if it might very well go through.
In addition I have suggested several drafting changes in the Charter to strengthen the powers of the Economic and Social Council which have been accepted by the American delegation. I have also done a few small chores in connection with the World Bank.

We have had a terrible fuss here about the status of the representatives of international organizations, of which I'll tell more in my report. Suffice it to say here, that I wrote a letter of protest to the Secretary General which has now been placed before the steering committee and I expect some action in the next day.

San Francisco is simply wonderful now, with beautiful sunshine and gay people. I can't say that it's getting a rest, but it's a wonderful change.

I am calling on people like Subbasad, Manarik, etc., in the next few days to pay my respects.

Sincerely,

Abe Feller

P.S. Would you be good enough to show the enclosed draft to Harris. I would like him to keep a copy for our files.