Dear Herbert:

Considering all the forces that were let loose against you—and some of them among the most dishonorable in the play of politics—I hope you will interpret your re-election for what it inevitably means, namely, the desire of the people of New York to have the kind of State administration that you have been giving them for the last six years, and the exemplar that you have thereby been for all governors. After all, one of the most ancient of political experiences is that people weary not only of well-doing but of well being done, particularly when the false glamor of a youthful crusader was meretriciously exploited.

And so I rejoice that the electorate has said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant—we want more of you."

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Felix Frankfurter

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman