The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
Governor of the State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Governor Lehman:

Supplementing my telegram to you, I wish to say that the firm and just decision you have made in directing the location at Albany of the main office of the Unemployment Insurance Fund involves far more than the added employment, increased business, housing and banking in Albany that necessarily will follow.

Albany will grow as a result -- that is true. Yet, in the larger sense, you have sustained a principle of fundamental importance in government. The scattering of governmental administration units impairs contact with the Chief Executive, and seriously inconveniences the residents of the greater part of the State.

Your firm restatement of the policy that government shall center around the Capital, is a valuable safeguard to the people. It is needless to comment upon the undesirability of the continual location of key units of government in New York City or any other city distant from the Capital.

The Albany Evening News and The Knickerbocker Press, voicing the prevailing opinion of the Capital District, desire thus publicly to express their appreciation of this exercise of the Executive power in retaining the Capital at Albany.

May I not recommend to your consideration the adaptation of the same principle to other offices of the State Government now located elsewhere, which properly belong at the Capital? Be assured that the decision you have now made will be of lasting benefit to sound progress and to the dignity of the State at large.

With best wishes and regards

Sincerely yours

Frank E. Gannett
President

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Rochester, N. Y.