Dear Senator Lehman,

I earnestly hope that you will stand firm against Senator McCarran's bill, S. 4037, and the Munas Ferguson Nixon bill in largely incorporates. Measures of that type threaten the precise principles and values we are all seeking to protect.

The public sentiment for drastic controls of Communist activity has indeed built up a formidable pressure in support of the McCarran bill or its like. It takes a lot of courage to avoid an
entirely undiscriminating response to that pressure. The New York Times editorial of August 22 and the Washington Post editorial of August 25—supported as they are by Governor Dewey's analysis of the Nixon bill two years ago and Attorney General Mr. *** Hath's letter to Senator Lucas only yesterday—furnish an unsatisfactorily respectable basis for opposing the McCarran bill and supporting instead, the Administration's bill S 44561. The latter, I believe, would plug up whatever holes there may be in existing statutes without unduly infringing upon the normal flexibility of political activity in this country. With my warm personal regards and all good wishes, Faithfully yours, Walter F. Elliston