June 27, 1962

The Honorable Arthur Goldberg
Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The year 1963 will mark the 25th year that the United Jewish Appeal will be engaged in its work of rescue, relief and rehabilitation. This work has been made possible by the contributions and efforts of countless men and women through the length and breadth of America. The reward for what they have done is their knowledge that their contributions to the UJA have gone towards the rescue of more than one and a half million Jews and the relief and rehabilitation of more than twice that number.

It is only natural that our fellow Jews who have supported the UJA will want to mark the 25th Anniversary with appropriate events, both to recall what has been achieved and to provide inspiration for the work yet to be done.

The UJA has seen fit to ask me to serve as the Honorary General Chairman of the UJA 25th Anniversary Committee. Because of what the UJA has meant to me from its very founding, I am very happy to serve in this capacity.

I should like to appoint as Honorary Chairmen, a group of outstanding personalities in American life, of all faiths, who are known for their humanitarianism and who have demonstrated their interest in the efforts of the UJA.

The UJA would feel honored, and I would consider it a source of personal pleasure, if you would agree to serve as an Honorary Chairman.

I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman