Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

We hear disturbing rumors—which we hope are not true—that the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is not in any hurry to take up the statehood bill.

If that is true, we are very fearful that postponement will lead to the conclusion, at the time it comes up, that it is too late for action.

May I urge you to do everything within your power to have a hearing as soon as possible. Many people in Alaska would like to testify, and are willing to incur the cost of travel to Washington. But naturally they would like to know a little in advance so that they can make the appropriate arrangements. Thank you for any help you are able to give.

Very cordially yours,

Ernest Gruening
Governor

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