Oslo, September 18th 1951.
Stortinget.

Strictly
Personal.
The Hon. Senator,
Herbert H. Lehman,
United States Senate,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Lehman,

I enclose copy of a letter I have sent to the Drafting Committee at Freedom House, and to explain my feelings I should like to make the following remarks:

The Scandinavian countries are not represented at all on the Panel of Inquiry, because Mr. Myrdal who is listed for Sweden, has no longer any real connection with Sweden. And if there is one single name that would not be accepted in Sweden, it is that of Mr. Myrdal, the devoted friend of Soviet Russia, who is intensely unpopular among all parties in Sweden.

Then you have listed under Finland Jan Sibelius, who is a most distinguished composer, 85 years old, and with no connection with freedom at all except - if you will allow me to say so - the freedom to drink. He has not been sober for many years.

We don't find any names from the Netherlands and from Belgium. We find Mr. Spaak whose name stinks ever since he led the procession of protest in Brussels, trying to institute a parliament of the street and create chaos.

Then again the big occasion seems to be intended as a great advertisement for Mrs. Roosevelt. May be that is perfectly natural and as it ought to be within the United States, but throughout the world it is felt to be an event of far greater importance than making it natural to celebrate Mrs. Roosevelt.

You will excuse my speaking very openly to you privately, but, I feel that the Declaration of Freedom is really an historic document, and I don't want the event marred by any half private celebration in New York. I feel very strongly how important such an event is at the present moment, that is why I take the liberty to write so freely to you.

Yours most sincerely,

Encl.