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

My dear Senator:

On March 26, 1951, the Committee on Rules and Administration advised you by letter of your dollar quota for official telegrams during the nine-month period, April through December, 1951. That quota, as you know, was computed on two factors—the 1950 population of your state and Western Union zone rates, weighed equally—and was based on a pre-allocated figure of $300,000 for all ninety-six Senators.

Pursuant to action taken by this Committee on Friday, October 19, 1951, that total allocation has now been increased to $450,000. Of this total sum, each Senator is to receive a basic allotment of $2,000 per annum (or $1,500 for the above-mentioned nine-month period) plus an additional amount again to be computed on the same two factors. Under this new quota system your nine-month allotment, therefore, has been increased from $6,292.95 to $6,912.14.

All telegraph regulations as set forth in the letter of March 26, 1951 are still in effect.

The Committee also decided on Friday that each Senator who has exceeded, or hereafter may exceed, his allocated figure, will have the excess over his allocation billed back to him as personal telegrams which cannot be paid out of the Senate contingent fund.

Yours very sincerely,

Carl Hayden  
Chairman