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Dear Senator Lehman:

I have been asked to do an article on the significance of the Alger Hiss case.

One of the aspects of the case I am interested in is the numerous patriotic Americans such as yourself who aligned themselves with Mr. Hiss' defense -- either directly or indirectly.

Now that Mr. Hiss is in jail, would it be possible for you to comment on the letter you wrote Mr. Hiss on August 6, 1948. My question: Would you write the same letter today?

Sincerely,

Victor Lasky