November 18, 1932.

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
820 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Governor-elect:

I know you will understand the reason for this tardy note of congratulation on your splendid and well deserved victory. You know what it is to take apart a complicated machine such as national headquarters in such a way as to have the pieces you want preserved properly taken care of so as to be used another time.

As you know, I offered to be of any service to you when you first started your campaign, but it was so obvious that a tremendous majority was assured from the first that I did not remind you of it during the progress of the battle. In any event there is very little that I know that Canavan did not know as well as I do, and there is certainly nothing left undone that I could have suggested doing.

It is very nice to feel that the job which Franklin has held for the last four years is left in such competent and sympathetic hands and I hope when I call in Albany in the future, you will find time for a few minutes chat of the old days.

Yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Governor

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