June 6, 1951

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
The United States Senate
Capitol
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

Attached is a copy of the Shelter Program recently submitted to Col. Lawrence Wilkinson, Director of the State Civil Defense Commission. This program is only a very minor part of the schedule of civil defense projects developed for New York City in February of this year, a copy of which is also attached. The program was based upon the expected appropriation of $75,000,000 of federal funds for bomb shelters, as carried in the House version of the recently enacted bill. Actually, the bomb shelter funds did not materialize in spite of the fact that the authorization bill passed by the 81st Congress was based upon a bomb shelter program of $2,250,000,000.

In spite of its very tight financial situation, the City of New York is prepared to do its share toward providing some measure of shelter protection for those who live and work here. We feel that New York City's share should not be as great as 25%, but if that is the best we can get we shall do our part. The State of New York has appropriated $25,000,000 to defray 25% of the cost provided the Federal Government appropriates 50%, as indicated in the Civil Defense authorization bill.

It is our understanding that a new appropriation bill will be considered by Congress to cover the next fiscal year. It is urged that provision be made in this bill for shelter construction.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

MAYOR

Enclosures