January 16th, 1936.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
Albany, New York.

Dear Governor Lehman:

United Neighborhood Houses of New York, which as you know represents all of the major Settlements and Neighborhood Houses in New York, Brooklyn and Bronx, is marking its Thirty-Fifth Anniversary by a large and important public dinner scheduled for March 11th.

Of course I know of your sincere interest in and appreciation of the contributions that Settlements have made in the life of our City. You have served on Settlement Boards, incidentally with me on the Board of Surprise Lake Camp run by the Educational Alliance as well as by the Y.M.H.A., so that I do not have to arouse in you the feeling that I know is already there, of the vital importance of maintaining these institutions in our community.

This is not an ordinary occasion, and I do hope that it will be possible for you to attend. I realize that it is not easy for you to leave your duties at Albany even for an evening, but your presence will mean more than I can say, to the directors, the staff, the friends and the beneficiaries of the Settlement movement who will be represented at the dinner in large numbers. No formal or carefully prepared speech will be necessary - anything that you care to say covering the Settlements' contribution to the social growth of the community and the improvement in living conditions would be what we would like to hear from you.

May I ask you to let me know at an early date whether you can be present. I certainly hope so.

Faithfully yours,

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