February 15, 1950

Honorable Olin D. Johnston
Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

On February 8, I introduced S. J. Res. 152 for the issuance of a special commemorative stamp on the birth date of the late President Thomas G. Masaryk of Czechoslovakia. At the time I introduced this resolution, I made a statement in the Record which I attach.

The purpose of this letter is to request that if you find it possible, I would appreciate early Committee consideration of this resolution. Obviously, the target date is March 7. I have received information from the Postmaster General, in effect, denying my request for the issuance of this stamp. It would seem to me that the least that could be done to honor this great patriot and fighter for liberty would be to have this resolution approved by the Congress or at least by the Senate prior to March 7. I can think of no single gesture that would be more meaningful to hundreds of thousands of freedom-loving peoples now under the tyrannical control of communist dictatorship than to hear of this action by the United States Senate, honoring Thomas Masaryk.

It would be a useful undertaking, I assure you, if your Committee could find time to give the brief consideration that would be required to approve and report out this resolution.

Cordially yours,

Herbert H. Lehman