The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Governor of New York
Albany, New York

My dear Governor Lehman:

The Union for Democratic Action is inaugurating a campaign to the President to eliminate discrimination against Negroes in the armed forces.

We would very much like to have your single signature on this petition to serve as a symbol of Public Officials' realization of the necessity for unity in our war effort.

The matter of discrimination in the armed forces, as you know, has had and is having a serious detrimental effect on the morale of our Negro fellow citizens. It is essential that there be a correction of policy in this connection. It is also necessary for all our people to realize that organizations not controlled by Negroes are backing up their reasonable request for ridding democracy of all forms of racial discrimination. Therefore we are earnestly urging you to cooperate with us.

Your approval will carry great weight in this campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Kingdon

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