Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor:

Word has just come to me that you have returned from your important visit overseas and I hasten to convey to you my deep sympathy at the loss which you have sustained in the death of your son. I had the privilege of meeting him and he remains in my memory as a stalwart and interesting young man. I am sure that both you and Mrs. Lehman will derive comfort in the days to come from the memory of his fine character and the heroic cause to which he gave his life.

Knowing of your interest in young people, I am venturing to ask you to share with me in an unusual meeting. We are arranging for about two thousand young people to be excused from the public schools of New York for a day to discuss some of the major human problems within the war effort. We should like to make the noontime session center in the work of your Administration and I should be delighted, as chairman of that session, if you would consent to be present and speak. We will set the date to suit your convenience, but should like to have it at least two weeks away so that we can make adequate preparations.

Although this is primarily a youth meeting, many adults interested in education and the relation of educational work to the organization of peace, the building of a better understanding among different groups and to more informed citizenship will be present, including members of the New York City Board of Superintendents, teachers, and principals.

I am sure that I need say no more to convince you of the value of what we are trying to do but I do want you to know that I sincerely believe the whole experience will be enriched for these young people by your presence and interpretation. I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation.

Cordially yours,

Frank Kingdon