Dear Mr. Lehman:

I take great pleasure in inviting you to join the members and friends of the International Rescue and Relief Committee at a luncheon, to welcome, and hear a report from, two men who have just arrived in the United States. Both have had excellent opportunities to observe the latest political developments in Europe, and each has himself rendered distinguished service to the democratic cause.

Our first speaker will be Captain Paul Weill, a well-known lawyer in Paris before the war; after the Petain Armistice a voluntary exile and member of General de Gaulle's resistance forces. In August of this year Captain Weill took part in the Allied invasion of southern France, as an officer in the French forces attached to the American Seventh Army. Through October and November he was in Paris, a close observer of the difficulties and triumphs of the Provisional Government. He will speak on the events of the last five months in France.

Our second speaker will be Mr. Leon Dennen, the recent representative of the International Rescue and Relief Committee in the Near East, who has just returned to this country. Mr. Dennen spent eight months in Egypt and Turkey, finding means of escape for anti-fascist refugees placed in utmost danger by the sudden German maneuver in the Balkans last summer. He will give us first-hand information on the current situation in Turkey and the Balkan states, analyzing the conflicting elements at work in those countries today.

We shall meet for luncheon in the West Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore, Lexington Avenue at Forty-second Street, on Thursday, January 4th, promptly at 12:30 o'clock. If you will write to me at this address, or telephone my secretary, Miss Fielding, at Lackawanna 4-3872, she will be glad to hold a place for you. The price of the lunch will be $2.50.

There will be no appeal for funds at this meeting. We shall have ample opportunity to hear from, and to question, two distinguished speakers, each of whom has recently seen, under differing forms and in widely separated regions, the Nazi power in retreat.

I look forward to greeting you on this occasion.

Cordially yours,