January 4, 1951

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

Your prompt and favorable response to my telegraphic invitation to join me on a committee to nominate Professor James T. Shotwell for the Nobel Peace Prize was very welcome. I find that the date for presenting the document to the appropriate committee of the Norwegian Storting in Oslo is January 30 rather than December 31, so we have been able to devote more time to the preparation of the enclosures than appeared possible when I wired you on December sixth.

It is not practicable to secure a hundred personal signatures on the original letter of nomination. I am therefore signing it as chairman of the committee and listing alphabetically the names of all those who have joined the committee. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume that your previous wire constitutes this authorization.

I believe you will agree after reading the documents enclosed that Dr. Shotwell richly deserves this additional recognition of his long and fruitful years of service to the cause of peace.

Many months must necessarily elapse before the next list of Nobel awards is announced; therefore you will wish to retain these enclosures in your confidential files.

Sincerely yours,

Grayson Kirk
Vice President and Provost