January 29, 1955

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

Dear Senator:

In the common interest of the State Maritime Academies in California, Maine, Massachusetts and New York, I feel that the Senators of these states can be most effective in fighting the budget cut made against our maritime academies by joining our efforts in opposition to the cut.

With this thought in mind, I would like to request that we meet at an early date to discuss this important matter and make plans for coordinated efforts on getting restoration of the funds. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Chase Smith, U.S.S.