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Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
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Dear Governor:

Last night I had the pleasure of listening to your birthday radio tribute by Miss Hall, Attorney General Bennett and Justice Pecora. While their praise was most glowing I realize that they were quite handicapped because of the dearth of superlatives in the dictionary. You will not learn what the people as a whole think of you until you dissociate yourself from the Governorship. Then you will really begin to reap the rewards for what your name exemplifies.

In behalf of the forty-one who foregathered at the Reunion Dinner last Thursday I wish to thank you for the message of greeting you were good enough to transmit. I need hardly inform you that you and Miss Wald were the principal subjects of the evening's reminiscences.

I am sure it will please you to learn that the boys whole-heartedly agreed that it was the most enjoyable gathering in which they had ever participated. The enthusiastic response was most surprising and better than I had expected. A committee was appointed to make these reunions a regular event.

I hear that you had a wonderful party given in honor of your sixtieth birthday. I saw the menu and something tells me that everything done was on a par with the novelty and beauty of that work of art. I wonder if it would be possible to obtain a copy so that I can add it to my other mementos of you.

I recently had occasion to correspond with many of your Patriot Boys. Some of the early impressions of you in many of those letters to me breathed so much of heart-warming affection, esteem and sincerity that I cannot refrain from submitting them to you. With that thought in mind I have combined the numerous extracts in a form for your hasty perusal, and have attached them to this letter.

Many happy returns of the day and God bless you.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

(Handwritten note:)

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