Dear Governor,

Your letter of December 25th with enclosure from Mrs. von Dodel returned herewith—has not had earlier acknowledgment because it was forwarded to me here where I am enjoying a holiday with my family until the end of this week.

Without writing at great length, I find it difficult to give you my impression concerning the disappearance of R. Wallenberg so that I'd prefer to talk with you about it at your convenience in N.Y. Unquestionably he did heroic work and we all are indebted to him. I called on Mrs. von D. in Stockholm in June '45 talked about the case in detail with Mr. Johnson, our minister there and with Mr.
Aloes of his staff. Mr. Johnson had me to lunch at his home with the Swedish minister to Hungary who was in Budapest when the Russians arrived and on whose staff Wallenberg had been until the latter went "underground." Vienna and since so far as I've been able to learn, no one has been able to do more than conjecture as to whether Wallenberg lives and if so where he might be found.

I've not, of course, seen Phillips book and I find the "Comments on the case of RW" attached to her letter so poorly translated as to give no tangible information.

Mrs von P. is manifesting the perfectly natural desire of a mother to leave no stone unturned before she abandons hope but I do not believe that the technique she suggests will be particularly fruitful. But I shall be very glad to do whatever I can by endeavoring to talk again with Mr. Johnson, the State Dept., the Russian ambassador or anyone else you make may think helpful.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the JDC meeting and with best wishes for the New Year to you and Mrs. Lehman in which Mrs. Lehman joins believe me. Very sincerely yours, [Signature]