Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

Some time ago I was discussing the question of the Atlantic Union Resolution with Clarence Streit. He mentioned to me the thought of Henry Stimson on the subject. It was Stimson’s feeling that this sort of thing would eventually come but that people had not suffered sufficiently to accept it.

My thinking ran something along this line: If an atomic war should occur and this nation should be the victor, we would be determined first of all thereupon that no nation should use atomic weapons against us in the future. Americans, by their very nature, cannot hold others in subjugation nor can they insist on governing persons who are not represented. Even if they can do it in a short run, they cannot do it over a period of time. Their conscience will not permit it. Therefore, we could eventually see some form of general government to settle disputes among nations and provide for the common defense as the very minimum functions of such government.

Assuming that this would happen after we won an atomic war, would it not be a supreme task of statesmanship and wisdom that we should accomplish this result without the suffering which would otherwise compel it?

Mr. Streit called my attention to the fact that the cover of this month’s edition of "Freedom & Union" develops that thought. I am enclosing a copy.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]