April 5, 1950

Senator Herbert H. Lehman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Governor":

Enclosed is a memorandum which summarizes our efforts to get a liberal Democratic Congressman in the 17th Congressional District. I spoke to Julius Edelstein about this last week. Originally, I did not feel inclined to try for this but now for many reasons I have come to the conclusion I would be willing if the lightning struck me.

A number of the people on our list of candidates are close to you and have your supporters. I quite agree that none of us can ask you to support him or her individually. We do however want you to consider whether there is any reasonable step which you might take which might persuade the Democratic party in New York City to endorse one of the group mentioned in my memorandum as the candidate. I know the party in New York City is very independent minded. Nevertheless, a polite nudge reminding them that the National Democratic Party needs every single vote in Congress and needs strength on its whole ticket might be of some help.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Marshall MacDuffie

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Enc.