Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

As the time of complete closure of UNRRA approaches, we are communicating with the governments of the various countries to call attention especially to the valuable services rendered by citizens of these countries as UNRRA employees. Inasmuch as the United States was the largest contributor to UNRRA, and the Headquarters Office of the Administration has been in Washington, D. C., a large number of UNRRA employees have been nationals of the United States, constituting approximately 36% of UNRRA Class I employees.

These persons have worked diligently and well in the performance of duties for which there was little or no precedent. They have exhibited farsightedness and imagination in doing their jobs and have gained experience of incomparable value both to the governments of the countries of which they are nationals and to any international organizations which may be established. During their service with UNRRA there never has been any question as to their loyalty to the United States Government. The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman concurs in this statement.

Under date of 20 August, in a letter which I sent to Mr. Clayton, I indicated that I would be transmitting an appreciation of the services of the senior American officials who have completed and are presently completing UNRRA assignments. Therefore, I am taking the privilege of attaching brief statements concerning those citizens of the United States who have occupied key positions in UNRRA for a period of more than one year. All of these persons are highly recommended. The success of UNRRA, however, is attributable not only to the persons who occupied the key positions but to the devotion to duty of those performing more routine tasks.

I feel sure that the United States Government will recognize that these citizens constitute a reservoir of trained, capable, and worthy potential representatives of the government, particularly in the field of international relief and rehabilitation.

Concurrence:  

Sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman  
Former Director General  
Permanent Honorary Chairman  
of the Council

Lowell W. Rocks  
Director General

Enclosures  
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