February 6, 1950

Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

I read your letter of February 1st with interest and appreciation of what you have in mind.

Unfortunately, however, I cannot associate myself with this project since I believe the matter of old age pensions is too pressing to permit the delay which a further study would require. I am advised that a great many studies have been made of this matter and while much remains to be done in reconciling our present and projected Federal old age assistance programs with those in private industry, I do not think that such a study should preclude going ahead immediately with the program set forth in H.R. 6000. I am even in favor of a more extended program than that set forth.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman