March 29, 1950

Honorable Brian McMahon
Chairman
Joint Atomic Energy Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McMahon:

I understand that your committee is to consider the nomination of Mr. Thomas E. Murray, of New York, as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

I should like to submit to you the following statement of my own views as to the qualifications and suitability of Mr. Murray for the post for which he has been nominated:

"I consider President Truman's nomination of Mr. Thomas E. Murray to the Atomic Energy Commission an excellent choice of a man who will, when he is confirmed, perform great service to his country. Mr. Murray has a wide background in industrial and engineering matters, combined with a devotion to the public interest. I have known him and his family for many years. I have followed his many activities in the industrial world and his many services to the state, local, and federal government with interest and appreciation through the years. He will bring to the Atomic Energy Commission a fine mind, sharpened by a rich experience in the field in which his new authority will be concentrated, that of applying atomic energy to both the industrial field and the field of national defense."

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman