December 22, 1941

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York

Dear Governor:

It gives me much pleasure to present to you a copy of the Green Book, about which I have talked to you in the past. I believe that this book will serve a really useful purpose, both to official and lay person alike.

In my opinion, the most important phase of this book is the discussion on Budget Surplus and Deficit and the tables showing the budget balances of the General Fund, the Conservation Fund and the Regional Park Funds. I hope very earnestly that hereafter, both in the budget message submitted by the Executive and in action by the Legislature, the balance sought will be a budget balance rather than a cash balance. Not only is this, I feel, sounder but also it is what the public believes to be the case.

Normally, hereafter, the Green Book should be published within two or three weeks after the close of the fiscal year. Meanwhile, I will be very grateful for any comments or criticisms which you may care to make for the improvement of the Green Book in future years.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

ABBOT LOW MOFFAT
CHAIRMAN
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