July 24, 1956

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

Dear Uncle Herbert:

I was very happy to learn that in the Senate House Conference the appropriations for the State Department cultural exchange program applying to ballet were restored.

This is a matter of major importance to the New York City Center and its ballet company.

I am aware of all your efforts in support of this legislation, which I am sure helped greatly in overcoming the substantial opposition.

The New York City Ballet will tour Europe this summer and the funds provided in the new appropriation have already been earmarked for a tour of the Far East, including Japan and Australia in the Spring of 1957.

I feel sure that this company will continue to represent the State of New York and the Nation in a manner which will make you proud of them.

I hope I shall have a chance to see you and Aunt Edith now that this session of Congress is about over.

Devotedly,

Henry Morgenthau III

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