April 10, 1954

Honorable Homer W. Hanna, Sr.
Clerk
U. S. District Court
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Homer:

Will you not read the enclosed letter from Senator Lehman, who is one of the most distinguished, competent, useful, loyal and patriotic men I have ever known, and be good enough to use your influence, which I have candidly told the Senator is, in my opinion, greater than that of any other man in Charleston, in behalf of friendly consideration of Mr. Richard Korn of New York for conductor of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Korn is married to the widow of Senator Lehman's deceased eldest son. The data accompanying Senator Lehman's letter, which is herewith submitted, is self-explanatory.

In view of your letter of the seventh of April, which tells me of the staggering official burdens you are now bearing in your endeavor to serve two visiting Federal Judges Wilkin and Barksdale, who are simultaneously holding court in Huntington and Bluefield, I would not add even the weight of a hair to the load you are carrying. But frankly this is not an ordinary case. Senator Lehman is, in my opinion, the very same sort of loyal friend to me that you have been for more than a third of a century. Since I would not hesitate to ask the Senator for a service for you so I can not hesitate to improve this opportunity to ask you to render one for him which you will be doing by urging that Mr. Korn be given every possible consideration in the matter in question.

Please be good enough to assure Judge Moore that I fervently hope that he will soon be restored to perfect health.
Urging you to command me unhesitatingly for any service that you may ever believe me capable of rendering you or anyone in whom you are interested, I am, with every good wish in the world for you and all who are dear to you, as always,

Gratefully and faithfully yours,

(Signed) M. M. Neely