My dear Senator Lehman:

I extend to you my most sincere congratulations on your recent splendid victory in the senatorial contest. It marks another milestone in a distinguished public career, and is an indication of the high esteem in which your work is held by the people you have always represented.

As Mr. Louis H. Pink told you, Columbia University is conducting a project in the recording of Oral History. With the help of Mr. Hiram Gans and others, we obtained excellent historical coverage of the past election. However, we feel that our material is incomplete without your own personal reminiscences of what may prove to be one of the most significant elections in recent history.

Mr. Pink, who has been most generous in his aid to our project, suggested that, despite your busy schedule, you might be able to grant us a few hours after the urgent press of the election campaign had ended. If you would consent to allow me and my assistant, Mr. Owen Bombard, to call upon you at your convenience, your memoirs would make an invaluable addition to the work we are doing. Our method is to hold an interview with you, take down your reminiscences on a wire-recorder, and transcribe this record into a manuscript. The entire manuscript is returned to you at the completion of the interviews for your corrections and additions, and then it will be filed in the Special Collections Department of Columbia University Library. Each memoir will be held for use only by properly accredited and serious research scholars. Should you desire to place any restrictions other than this on your memoir, please feel entirely at liberty to do so.

I hope you will not regard this request as an imposition. Mr. Bombard and I would be glad to call, as far as possible, at such hour and such place as is most convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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