Dear Mrs Lehmann,

This is a very belated letter. I am greatly ashamed of myself for not having written much sooner to thank you for your hospitality at your delightful Sunday lunch on January 24th. The truth is that I came back to a veritable whirl of speaking engagements all over the country, while at the same time our work in the House of Commons has been particularly heavy.

It was such a very great pleasure to meet you and the Governor again, and your family. I only wish that at the Dedication Banquet on Saturday 23rd I had had more time to say what I thought about the Governor's work. It is my mature judgement, only confirmed by the passage of time and learning more about it, that without him there would have been no UNRRA. And without UNRRA, Europe would have gone to complete disaster in 1945-6.

It was an utterly lamentable thing that La Guardia was put in to wind up UNRRA before its work had been completed. How different and how much better
subsequent history might have been, if only the Governor's power of healing reconciliation had been given scope and adequate resources for two or three more years! Some day I shall hope to write something about this.

In the meantime there ought to be a school and college text book on UNRRA as a model in practical international administration. It would be worth its weight in gold. Is this a task, I wonder, which the Institute of Human Relations could carry out?

This letter is becoming too long. Its real point is to say thank you again, and to send you my most cordial greetings, and also to say how much I hope that you will both be over in Europe in the early future.

With all regards,

Yours sincerely,

Philip Noel-Baker