The Governor and Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York

Dear Governor and Mrs. Lehman:

I am very sorry that you were unable to have dinner with me on Tuesday. I wanted you to hear the report of Dr. Everett Clinchy, Rabbi Morris Lazaron and Father Vincent Donovan. These men have been in England and Ireland obtaining a first-hand impression of:

1. The effect of the war on all churches.

2. What developments are taking place with respect to cooperation among citizens of various religious faiths, including members of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Evangelical churches, and the Synagogues.

3. What English and Irish leaders think of the peace principles advanced by the Vatican, the Malvern Conference of England, and other groups.

4. What the man in the street in Britain is thinking about the post-war world and a reconstructed social order.

Their trip was sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and they have continued on from New York for a tour of major cities in this country.

Because of my conviction that the National Conference is carrying on a program over the nation that is now more vital than ever to our national unity, I hoped to obtain your interest for its educational program. Therefore, I am attaching a booklet describing this work - its aims and its needs. Please give a few minutes to reading it and then a little
time to consideration of the progressive importance of this activity to our lives as each irrevocable day passes. I believe it needs the serious attention of thinking people.

We are not undertaking a new job - we are continuing a work which was inaugurated thirteen years ago by the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, the Honorable Newton D. Baker and Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

Sincerely yours,

Basil Almonor