Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Senator Lehman:

I have at hand your recent letter with reference to the item appearing on page XXIII of the index to Part II of the Hearings on S. 1832 relating to Communist activities, which item appearing in the index, designates the Jewish Daily Forward as a Jewish Communist publication.

I have carefully gone over the pertinent parts of the index and the hearings and observed the following:

On page 491 of Part II of the hearings on S. 1832 relating to Communist activities, the witness who was testifying stated as follows:

"He writes once in a while for the Jewish Daily Freiheit, which is the daily Jewish Communist organ in the United States."

On page 493 of the hearings, the same witness referred, without comment, to the Jewish Daily Forward and on the succeeding page (page 494) he referred to the Jewish Morning Freiheit, which he had previously identified (on page 476 of the hearings) as Communist controlled and dominated. In the indexing of the testimony the identification of the Jewish Daily Freiheit and of the Jewish Morning Freiheit as Communist publications which was made by the witness, was erroneously appended to the Jewish Daily Forward. This was, of course, a regrettable clerical error since nowhere in the testimony before the Committee did any witness allege that the Jewish Daily Forward is a Communist publication. On the contrary, it is my information that the Jewish Daily Forward is and has been vigorously opposed to Communism.
The indexes to the voluminous hearings contain several thousand items and although extreme care was exercised to compile the indexes with the highest degree of accuracy, it is unfortunate that errors of this character do appear. I regret exceedingly that there was an erroneous designation in the index of the Jewish Daily Forward and this designation will be corrected in any further issues of the hearings.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

HERBERT R. O‘CONOR
United States Senator