March 23, 1956

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

I feel sure that I am expressing the sentiments of the maritime industry in thanking you sincerely for your support of the motion to avoid impairment of statutory provisions which are designed to insure cargoes for the American merchant marine. It would be disastrous to deny to American-flag shipping a fair share of Government-generated cargoes and your favorable attitude strengthens this position.

It is our intention to strive for a well-considered program so that the agricultural surplus can be transported expeditiously without ruinous effects to the fourth arm of our national defense.

Again thanking you for your splendid cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert R. O'Conor