May 26, 1952

Hon. Herbert E. Lehman
U. S. Senator from New York
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Lehman:

Your leadership in the debates for a decent and humane program of immigration legislation during the past two weeks adds further to your stature as a thoroughly great statesman. You are carrying out in the United States Senate the fine traditions of leadership that you established as Governor of New York.

Your kindliness, your breadth of vision, and your consideration for the rights of all peoples, have been a source of inspiration to all of us.

I have read very carefully your speeches on the Omnibus Immigration Bill and your own constructive and forward-looking bill. I was impressed by your clear understanding of the implications of the program and your ability to get to the central question. You are well aware that a program which virtually reduces millions of our people to second-class citizens is unworthy of our country and that it will not long stand the light of common day. You and your associates have laid the foundations for the kind of educational program that will awaken our people to the injustices of our immigration legislation.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

(Rt. Rev. Msgr.) John O'Grady
Secretary