November 25, 1942

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
Executive Chamber,
Albany, New York

Personal

My dear Governor Lehman,

Before you get into the swing of your new duties, I want to tell you that I think you have made a great Governor. You have attended strictly to the business of your office and you have given the people of this state a steady, understanding and thoroughly competent administration. You have set an example to the public of what their public representatives should be, not only in this state but in all the states of the union.

It has been a constant source of satisfaction in these troubled times that you have been there at Albany with your able hands directing the management of our state affairs and fully justifying the administration of state affairs by the state rather than by the Federal Government.

I hope that in the new and difficult duties which lie ahead of you, you will be able to apply the same principles of work that you have shown in the past, and I remain, with sincere regards and best hopes for your future,

Very cordially yours,

Wm. Church Osborn