June 22, 1951

Senator Herbert H. Lehman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

I was sorry that you were unable to attend the luncheon meeting at Barney Ruben's office on June 14th, on behalf of the National Interfaith Committee for the Distribution of "What the Jews Believe". You missed an encouraging and thought-provoking occasion. After hearing detailed reports on plans for distribution of Rabbi Bernstein's book, all of us agreed that it can be an important factor in promoting better group relations.

Arthur Fatt, as Chairman of our Committee for Book Distribution, is going ahead with promotional plans to insure the accomplishment of our efforts to create a desire to read this book among the molders of public opinion in our country. We envision a program to distribute the book to such groups as clergymen, workers in religious groups, librarians and labor unions. You may rest assured that the program will be conducted on a dignified and conservative basis.

Richard Wiener has been engaged as full time executive secretary, and he will be acting for the Committee in coordinating the work of the various members. His services will be available to you in aiding your participation in our project.

According to plans agreed upon, we are holding a number of small meetings of those people whom we wish to interest in our work on Monday, June 25th and Tuesday, June 26th. Rabbi Bernstein will be available to address these meetings only on these dates since his departure for Israel is scheduled for July 4th.

A letterhead is now being drawn up for the use of our Committee, which will include the names of those persons who have indicated their willingness to join our effort.

I am looking forward to working with you in securing the objectives for which our Committee was founded, and feel certain that our efforts will make a definite contribution toward promoting better understanding in our country.

Sincerely yours,

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