HERBERT AND EDITH LEHMAN
1933 - 1944
May 19, 1933

My dear Edith:

Franklin and I are perfectly delighted that you and Herbert can stop on Friday, May 26th, but I am terribly grieved that I will not be here, as that is the day of the Todhunter School graduation and I promised months ago to be on hand. Dr. Vincent is speaking for us and the next day I have agreed to be at the dedication at Bear Mountain Park. However, I hope that you will be adequately welcomed and cared for, and I know that Franklin will get great joy out of seeing you both. I have read with a great deal of interest of your prowess as a fisherman and I hope that it has been a great holiday.

with much love,

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Boca Grande
Florida
The White House
Washington

Boca Grande, Flo., May 17, 1933.

The President:

Edith and I will be delighted to dine with you and spend the night at the White House on Friday May twenty sixth. All here join in kindest regards.

Herbert H. Lehman.
May 27, 1933

My dear Governor Lehman:

This young man seems to be having a desperately hard time to get work, and I am wondering if you can suggest to him any way in which he can get work.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Governor of the State of New York
The Executive Chambers
Albany
New York
August 21, 1933

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am just in receipt of your letter with regard to the property owned by Mrs. H. S. Gay, 14 St. Luke's Place, New York City.

Mrs. Gay called on me some weeks ago and I had a very nice talk with her. She explained that she wished the property bought by the Girl Scouts and I suggested that she take the matter up directly with that organization.

I do not know whether the Conservation Department has any funds to purchase property on Lake George or is interested in doing so at this time.

I shall take pleasure, however, in promptly sending your communication and the photograph to Lithgow Osborne with the request that he look into it.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
September 14, 1933

Dear Edith:

The card you sent me came with a picture which Aunt Edith sent and which had belonged to Uncle Ted. Whitehead will be able to show you which one. I think the card should be kept somewhere in the archives as an identification unless there is a marker put on the picture.

It was lovely being with you.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY

September 5th, 1933.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington,
D.C.

My dear Eleanor:

The enclosed card turned up mysteriously and no-one seems to know from whence it came. In all probability it dropped out of a book. In any event I am sending it to you as I thought you might like to have it.

It was so nice having you and the President here. Your coming certainly gave us all a treat.

With kind regards to you both in which Herbert joins me, I remain,

Fondly,

[Signature]

F. A. Lehman
October 24, 1933

Dear Ethel:

Would you and Governor Lehman like to go to the benefit concert of the Women's Trade Union League on the evening of November 13 with me? They would particularly appreciate your being there and I would be delighted to have you in my box. I hope that you can come.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
October 12, 1935

My dear Governor and Mrs. Lehman:

It was very kind of you to send me a message of congratulation on my birthday and I want you to know of my appreciation.

With all good wishes to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,
NEW YORK NY 831P OCT 11 1933

MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT
THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC
HAVE JUST HEARD IT IS YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY WE SEND YOU OUR
HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS

EDITH AND HERBERT LEHMAN.

840P
November 7, 1933

My dear Edith:

I am glad you are going away, because I read with concern of Herbert's attack of pleurisy. I hope you will make him take a real rest and holiday before he resumes his work, as he must in January.

Franklin is quite all right again and I have just returned from a two days trip to Chicago, which was very hectic but very interesting.

If you are going south, why don't you both stay over with us for a night on the way home? Franklin, of course, will be at Warm Springs from the 17th of November until about the 5th or 6th of December. Perhaps you will be returning after that.

Much love.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert A. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
NY
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Eleanor:

Your letter of October 24th. has just reached me. Herbert and I certainly would have enjoyed going with you to the concert of the Women's Trade Union League on November 13th. Unfortunately, however, we expect to be away at that time as the doctors insist that Herbert must go away for a short rest after he leaves the hospital. They do not feel it would be safe for him to resume his work until he has had a chance to build up thoroughly, which of course he cannot do either in Albany or New York.

I appreciate very much your asking us and I am sure you know how deeply we regret being unable to accept your kind invitation.

I am glad to have been reassured by Miss Donnelly yesterday when I telephoned to inquire about Franklin. Herbert was uneasy after reading the report that he was still confined to his room. We send you both our fond greetings.

Devotedly,

Edward A. Lehman
November 10th, 1933.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Eleanor:

I have just received your letter of November 7th, which was forwarded to me from the Mansion in Albany. This accounts for my delay in answering it.

It was sweet of you to write me and I greatly appreciate your thought. I am glad to say that Herbert is getting along splendidly now and is making gains each day. He has so far not been out of bed but we hope to have him up for a little while within the next day or so.

He came through his operation splendidly and if it had not been for the attack of pleurisy would have been home some days ago. This, however, seems to be a slow process and one which has retarded his recovery very greatly.

I wish we might spend the night at the White House, but I am very much afraid that in spite of the doctors' insistence I am
December 26, 1935.

Dear Edith:

Franklin and I want to give a little dinner for you, but thought you would prefer coming after the Legislature adjourns. Will you write what date will suit you both, after Lent.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
January 4, 1934.

Dear Edith:

Of course it is perfectly all right for you to come later. We only want to be sure that you can come to us. Will you let me know a time that will suit you the best?

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY

December 28th, 1933.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Eleanor:

I have just received your letter asking us to set a date when we can be with you in Washington. I need not tell you how much we should enjoy spending an evening with you and Franklin and how much we appreciate your thought of us.

It is a little bit difficult to make any plans until we know when the Legislature will adjourn, which of course is quite uncertain. I wonder whether you will let us communicate with you again later on when we can gauge the situation more accurately.

Herbert and I would love to come down some night during the thirty day bill signing period if that will suit you both.

With fond greetings and renewed thanks,

I am,

Affectionately,

[Signature]

[Typewritten note: "Profusely
cordially"]
February 13, 1934

Dear Governor Lehman:

Mr. Oakley Furney, Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Education in the State Department of Education, tells me that they are having an exhibit, on February 17th in the State Education Department in Albany, of home craft work. As you know, I am very much interested in this, and I do think if we can get it started it will not only provide many rural families with an increased interest and the power of self-expression, but with the means of earning small sums of money which may help out the family income.

I do hope that you will be interested in this work and give it what support is advisable. I shall feel most grateful if you can do this and also if you can speak to any members of the Legislature who you think would be influential in helping the idea along. It ought to be an entirely non-partisan question.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Albany
New York
February 27, 1934

Dear Governor Lehman:

I will try very much to make an engagement with Mr. Levi to accept the Architects' Tea Set. I am writing to him now to find out when they want to do it.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Albany
NY
February 14, 1934.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am sending you herewith a letter from Mr. Julian Clarence Levi, Chairman of the Architects' Emergency Committee, which you will find self-explanatory.

I, of course, realize how tremendously busy you are and that it is impossible for you to accept even a very small percentage of the countless invitations that come to you. I am sending the letter, however, at Mr. Levi's request, and take pleasure in adding that I know him and many of his associates. They are, of course, among the leading architects of the City and I understand that their Emergency Committee has been doing good work.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Mr. Lehman,
Executive Mansion,
Albany, New York.

Please advise what time you are arriving for dinner the night of May 15, 1934.

The White House
Washington

Mrs. Roosevelt.
May 21, 1934

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this correspondence in the hope that you will refer it to the proper department to see if this woman could be given some land. I am afraid there is nothing that I could do about it.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Governor of New York

Corres. with Miss Alice Ryan
2608 Midland Avenue
Syracuse
May 26, 1934

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 31 with inclosure of correspondence with Mrs. Alice Ryan, 2603 Midland Avenue, Syracuse, New York. I have replied to Mrs. Ryan.

Unfortunately, there is no fund available in the State for the purpose she outlines. As a matter of fact, before the State can dispose of any of its land for any purpose a legislative act is necessary.

Edith and I are still talking about the wonderful time we had last Friday. Our visit was most enjoyable from every standpoint and we are deeply appreciative of the many courtesies shown to us.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert H. Lehman
Governor

State of New York
Executive Chamber
Albany
Your telegram received. Mrs. Roosevelt on extended motor trip thru west. Regret inability accept for Milk Consumption luncheon.

Malvina T. Scheider.
Dear Governor Lehman:

I have had a letter from Captain Bagel's widow. You will probably remember that he was captain of the Hawthorne Brigade and died from a heart attack on the way from the barracks to the golf links. She has been denied a pension because they claim he was not on duty when he died. He had been in a number of accidents in line of duty which were largely responsible for his state of health, and he had been ordered to be out of doors and to exercise, and as I understand it, he left his telescope at the barracks and was on call even when out, as is every other state policeman, for twenty-four hours in the day.

Senator Estick has told Mrs. Bagle that he has got a special bill passed for her, but she understands that it is your policy to veto all such bills and naturally she is anxious to know your attitude before they make an effort to pass it, she is quite penniless and at present is being supported by one of the other captains who was a friend of her husband's, and has a large family of his own.

I write you all of this because her case happens to appeal to me and I feel you would be better able to decide with the full facts before you. Will you let her know when you have considered her case?
May I also say something which has come to my attention? You know that I have worked a great deal with the Democratic women in the State of New York. I find at present a feeling amongst them that they are not considered an important part of the political organization of the State. I may be wrong, but I always felt that both Governor Smith and Franklin owed the improvement in the less friendly counties particularly to the work of the women, which is carried on, as a rule, the year round. I do not want to interfere, nor to urge you to do anything which you do not feel important, but I do wish that you would talk this over with Mrs. Lehman, and with Mrs. O'Day and Miss Dickerman, if possible. They are in closer touch with the women now than I am and may feel differently, but I do hear a good deal from the women and feel it is only fair to pass this impression on to you.

Every good wish to you both, hoping that John is improved and that Hilda Jane has recovered from her sorrow over her little dog. Tell her I know how she feels.

My love to Ethel.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
The Governor
Albany
N.Y.
MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT =
THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC =

ON THURSDAY JULY TWELFTH WE ARE HAVING A LUNCHEON AND
CONFERENCE AT THE TENEYCK HOTEL AT ALBANY AT TWELVE OCLOCK
STANDARD TIME IN ORDER TO INAUGURATE THE CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE
THE CONSUMPTION OF MILK IN THE STATE THROUGH MEANS OF
ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY STOP KNOW YOUR GREAT INTEREST IN
THE SUBJECT AND THE CAUSE OF YOUR LONG AND INTIMATE
INTERESTS IN THE MILK INDUSTRIES EVERYBODY IS EXTREMELY
DESIROUS TO HAVE YOU ATTEND AND SPEAK AT THE LUNCHEON STOP
YOUR PRESENCE OF COURSE WOULD BE GREATLY HELPFUL AND IF
WITHOUT INTEFERRING TOO MUCH WITH YOUR PLANS YOU CAN ARRANGE
TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT THE LUNCH I AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER
PEOPLE OF THE STATE WOULD APPRECIATE IT STOP WITH KINDEST
REGARDS IN WHICH EDITH JOINS ME =
HERBERT H LEHMAN.
October 8, 1934

Dear Governor Lehman:

I have been asked to speak to you about two colored men, Dr. C. B. Powell and Dr. P. M. H. Savory, who are respectively President and Vice-President of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Company. They are anxious to open an office in New York, but seem to be unable to get a license. They feel that there may be discrimination against them because they are colored. Will you be good enough to have some one see them who will be sympathetic and understanding and give them an opportunity to state their case?

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Governor of New York

Note given to Reynolds
Mrs. Roosevelt

Two friends of mine are E.B. Powell

are P.M. H. Savory who is President and

vice President of the Victory Mutual Life

insurance company which is a Colored insurance

corporation operating in Chicago. This company went

into receivership last year but has

since come out of receivership and is now

in good financial shape operating now

in Chicago. They had an office here in

New York before they went into receivership,

but their license was suspended here after they

went into receivership. Now they want to open

an office here again if they can get their licenses

restored. They feel quite sure they qualify to

get them but they feel as they are

colored men they might not get due consideration

so in order to keep this from happening they

plan to see Gov. Lehman first on present their

papers and document to show they are

qualified for a license. As friends of mine

knowing that I work for you they asked me (on as much as hate to trouble you)
to ask you if you could see them five

minutes they feel that one word of consideration

from you to Gov. Lehman would be a great

help to them. They want you to show them

document and give a brief explanation

of what it is all about.

I will appreciate very much what ever you

can do for them. Reynolds
October 15, 1934.

Dear Edith:

You and Governor Lehman were more than kind to remember my birthday, and I am more grateful than I can say for your good wishes. Many many thanks to you both.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
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MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT
THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR MANY HAPPY
RETURNS OF THE DAY FOND GREETINGS

EDITH AND HERBERT LEHMAN.

340P
February 13, 1935

My dear Governor Lehman:

I understand that the League of Women Voters has recommended for the vacant places on the Board of Regents Miss Martha Draper, and Mrs. Nathalia Swan. I feel I must tell you that I know both of these women and that they are deeply interested in education. Martha Draper has always been a Democrat and Mrs. Swan is a convert but was a registered Democrat in the last election. I am told that Mrs. Charles Higgins has aspirations. I do not know her but feel that I wanted to go on record from personal knowledge of the qualifications of these two women for they have worked long in educational fields.

Mrs. Swan is closely connected with Bennington College which you probably know a good deal about. Miss Draper has worked for many years in New York City on public education.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Lehman
Mayor Governor
New York
Albany
February 23, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On my return from Ithaca I received your letter of February 13th, recommending the election of Miss Martha Draper or Mrs. Nathalie Swan as a Regent of the University of the State of New York. On February 12th, however, Miss Susan Brandeis was nominated by the two houses of the Legislature and was elected the following day, February 13th.

With kindest personal regards to you and Franklin, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
March 8, 1935

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am enclosing a letter to you and I wonder if there is a chance that this could be done and that local labor could be used.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
The Governor
Albany

Letter from Gerald Morgan
54 E. 79th St.
N.Y.

Norris Park at Staatsburgh - State Parks accepted but promised not to ask for state funds to develop. Wants reconsideration.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT

Yes - ask Governor Lehman.

F. D. R.

Handwritten note: Send this letter to Joe S. Today if there is a chance that their old to come over local election.
March 11th, 1935.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Eleanor:

I have received your letter of March 8th. which I hasten to answer. Herbert and I would love to spend a night at the White House on our way south after the Legislature has adjourned.

This date, however, is somewhat uncertain and of course, the bill signing period will keep Herbert in Albany for several weeks after the adjournment. Therefore, if I may, I will get in touch with you a little later on, when our plans are more definite.

We enjoyed the dinner at the White House so much last spring and will look forward with great pleasure to being there again.

With fond greetings,

Yours,

[Signature]
March 8, 1935.

Dear Edith:

As the legislature will adjourn sometime this month, Franklin and I hope that you can stop on your way down South, or back, for at least a night. Let me know the date, because we do want to have a dinner for you again this year.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
April 8, 1935

My dear Governor Lehman:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. William E. O'Donnell, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and would deeply appreciate your telling me how I can answer it.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Lehman
Governor

Albany, New York
Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York

April 11, 1935

Mrs. Roosevelt has seen in the papers Legislature may adjourn this week. Would one of these dates suit you for dinner subject to adjournment. Tuesday April 30, Friday May 3, Saturday May 4

Mrs. J. M. Helm
Secretary
TELEGRAM
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

Mrs. Lehman

Mr. Roosevelt has seen in the papers that the Legislature may adjourn this week. Unless one of their dates suits you for a visit, subject to arrangements. Thursday April 30, Friday May 3, Saturday May 4

Mrs. J. W. Heln
Secretary
Mrs Franklin D Roosevelt,

The White House.

Herbert and I will be delighted to dine with you and spend the night May fifteenth. Many thanks. Greetings.

Edith A. Lehman.
May 27, 1935

My dear Governor Lehman:

I have had word that Mrs. Laura Caukel, of New York City, is very much in need of a job. She did good work for the Democrats for a number of years and I wonder if there is anything you could do. Her husband is an expert in farms and markets and if you could not use one, perhaps you could use the other.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
May 21, 1935

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Eleanor:

Mrs. Caubel, who was first Deputy Commissioner of Markets in New York City under Hylan, is at the end of her rope. Her husband is a Market Research man. If he could get work along his line, that would keep them both afloat.

Is there anything in the Agriculture Department or have you any idea for any kind of position that they would be qualified to fill in the New York State Administration? I certainly am sorry for them.

I seem to remember you an

not so crazy about her.

I don't remember you an

Mary W. Dewson
Letter from Mrs. Anne Burnham Vanderveer, 2102 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, concerning the men of loose morals which are around the streets of Albany.

June 12, 1923

My dear Governor Lehman:

The enclosed letter has come to me and I am sending it on to you for consideration and any action you feel it is possible to take.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable H. Lehman
July 6, 1935

Dear Governor Lehman:

I wonder if there is any kind of a job which you could offer this girl. This man spoke to me some time ago.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman

Howard Johnson, trainman, NYC RR
(home 333 3d St., Albany) wants job for daughter who has just finished commercial course
November 9, 1934.

Dear Wilth:

Franklin and I hope that you and the Governor can come down sometime this winter to one of the large receptions, or would you prefer coming to a dinner in the spring as you did last year? We want you to do what you would really prefer, but we do want you very much.

Affectionately,

h/n

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
Lehman

Dear Cleaver:

Thank you for your letter of November 16th. The 9.15 train was forwarded to me here, and I received it just two days ago.

Many thanks for your invitation, with which I shall have the great pleasure of accepting. In view of the upcoming legislative session ahead, I am pleased to say that I shall be able to enjoy coming to your home in the spring as I did last year and shall eagerly anticipate the occasion.

We are spending a few days...
day. Here in a lovely, peaceful, sunny atmosphere and the sun is rapidly beginning to feel relaxed after the strenuous week just passed.

With fond greetings to you and the President and thanking you for your sweet thoughts yes, your devotedly,

[Signature]
Mrs. Allena Perdee, concerning the estate of Florence Clarke
and her desire to do something to save the home.
(Saratoga Springs, N.Y.)

November 20, 1935

My dear Governor Lehman:

I am enclosing a letter which has come to me. Is there anything you can do to help this woman?

Please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Governor, Albany, N.Y.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am just in receipt of your letter of November 20th, enclosing a letter from Miss Pardee with regard to the unfortunate situation of Miss Clarke.

I sincerely wish that I could be of assistance in this situation which seems to be an unusually unfortunate one. I am afraid, however, that there is nothing the State can do along the lines suggested by Miss Pardee. I know of no instance in which the State of New York has entered into an arrangement such as suggested by Miss Pardee and I am quite certain that it would not be legal to do so.

The only suggestion that I can make, and I am not certain that it is practical, is that Miss Clarke consult with some of the large insurance companies to see whether she can purchase an annuity, paying therefor with her home. If her home is unencumbered or has a substantial equity, it seems to me that an insurance company might possibly accept it on appraised valuation in lieu of cash. This is simply a random thought of mine and I do not know whether it would appeal to any insurance company or whether the equity in the house is sufficient to cover the cost of an annuity.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help to you and

remain,

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
December 27, 1935

Dear Edith:

We were perfectly delighted with the tea which you and Governor Lehman sent us and know that we are going to enjoy it very much indeed. It was dear of you to remember us.

With every good wish,

I am

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman
Albany, N.Y.
March 5, 1936

Herbert H.
Governor Lehman
Executive Chamber
Albany
New York

Hope you will bring anyone you have with you to dinner tomorrow night

Eleanor Roosevelt
April 20, 1936

My dear Edith:

I am hoping every day that you and Herbert will be coming down here to spend a night either on your way South or on your way back.

You are too sweet to say I may come to the Mansion on the 11th. If you are there I will come in around five for a few minutes just for the pleasure of seeing you. Otherwise, I won't, as the supper is at six and I am planning to take the train back to Hyde Park after the meeting.

Affectionately always,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, N.Y.
Executive Mansion
Albany

April 16

Dear Eleanor:

I understand that the City of Albany is to be honored by a visit from you on May 11th and it is a benefit to the State at that time. My plans, however, are uncertain and I may have to be away. Do not give up hope, Eleanor, that in any event the Mansion will welcome you with open arms, if you will consider it your Headquarters during your stay in Albany. There will be several events as your official and I am sure you can make them successful. It may be a treat to someone to have you here.

With love,

[Signature]

[Name]
Herbert

Mrs. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
NY

May 8, 1936

Many thanks for your telegram. Am motoring to Albany so cannot
tell just when I will arrive. Am returning to Hyde Park
after the meeting so cannot stay the night. Will call at
Mansion around five

Eleanor Roosevelt
The White House
Washington
Albany NY 345pm May 7 1936

Mrs Franklin D Roosevelt The White House

I am delighted that I will be in Albany on the occasion of your visit Monday won't you let me know what train you are arriving on so that I can meet you and bring you direct to the Mansion where I hope you will decide to remain with us overnight affectionate greetings

Edith A Lehman

445pm
May 16, 1936.

My dear Mrs. Lehman:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks whether you and Governor Lehman could come down on Monday, June 1. That afternoon, there is a garden party at 3:30 for the Associated Country Woman of the World, and Mrs. Roosevelt thought you might enjoy coming down for that and spending the night. She hopes very much you will find this possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Schneider
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany
New York
May 14, 1926

My dear Governor Lehman:

Mr. Frank J. Canning, who was interested in the restoration of pay in New York City to Civil Service employees, came down to see me to ask that Franklin and I mention to you the original circumstances under which this reduction was agreed upon, and the interest which at that time was expressed in having the restoration made when possible. Mr. Canning says this Bill will be passed by both Houses and asks that we beg you to give it your attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Albany, N.Y.

S:DD
Copy of bill enclosed.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memorandum for the President

Mr. Canning came to see me and asked me to draw this to your attention.

E.R.

O.K. drop a line to him.

January
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. SCHEIDER

Will you tell Mrs. Roosevelt
that the President said he thinks it
would be much better if she would drop
a line personally to Governor Lehman?

G. G. T.

Tell him I passed on the case

and asked me to call your other

attention.
MEMO FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Frank J. Canning says that this reduction in salary bill passed in 1932 and at the time it was stated that it should only be for four years. He was in your office and remembers how you felt about the banks attitude, so he wonders if, in view of the fact that it was done in your time, you might be willing to drop a line to the Governor or have me do so, urging him to sign the bill restoring the salary cut to civil service employees in the city.

The financial condition he says, is much improved and both the Mayor and Mr. Taylor are for it and say that the five million could be taken from the reserve which is now seventeen million to meet this restoration.

They have passed a bill in the Assembly and it will undoubtedly be passed by the Senate and they are afraid the Governor may feel that there would be criticism of him if he allowed this restoration.

E.R.
Herbert
Mrs. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany NY

May 16, 1936

There is a dim possibility President may be able to leave on June 1st so will you please hold date open for few days.

Am writing

Eleanor Roosevelt
May 15, 1936

Dear Edith: Lehman,

I am sorry that I was not very clear in talking to Mrs. Helm the other day. What I really wanted to convey was that I hoped you and Herbert would come to us Monday, June 1st, in time to attend a tea for the Associated Country Women of the World which we are having that afternoon, and stay over the night for the dinner on June 2d.

If you cannot spend two nights we would rather have you come for the 2d, as we cannot have a big dinner and an evening entertainment after a big tea party.

The President has suddenly decided that he may possibly leave on the 1st, in which case, of course, we would have to give this up and change to some other time. I will wire you the moment I know.

It was grand seeing you the other day.

Affectionately,
My dear Governor Lehman:

I understand that a bill has been passed by the Legislature covering cases of State police-ment who have received injuries in service and still need hospitalization after retirement.

As you know, I have always been interested in Leo Casey, who is completely paralyzed from the chest down and who was with us on the Canal. He will be affected by this bill and so even though Franklin wrote you early in the year about it, I am just sending you this line to remind you and to beg that you give it your careful consideration.

I cannot tell you how dreadfully I feel about your announcement. I realize your brother's death, added to your own inclinations, made this decision almost inevitable. However, I want you to know that I do not feel any one can possibly take your place, and that I also feel it is practically inevitable that New York State will be lost to the Democrats, including the Presidential vote. I do have a great deal of sympathy with any one who wants to get out of public life so I congratulate you, even though I regret your loss to the public.

Cordially,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.

S:D:D

[Signature]

[Major John H. Warner]
The President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am just in receipt of your memorandum of May 22nd with regard to the bill which concerns Trooper Casey. I take pleasure in signing the bill today.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
September 16, 1936

My dear Governor Lehman:

I wonder if you could make any helpful suggestion to this man? I have asked the President but he says he does not know of any place and I thought possibly you may know of something.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Rockmore, 50 Court St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Needs job.

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.
December 17, 1936

Dear Edith:

Thank you so much for sending me the invitation from the Junior Federation of Jewish Charities and also for your note which accompanied it. I shall try to go to this organization as I am sure I would enjoy speaking to them.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY
December 12, 1936

Dear Eleanor:

I have been asked by the Junior Federation of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities to forward to you the enclosed letter and to add a word of appeal to you on their behalf.

I believe they have already written to you asking you to address them and, while I am not personally connected with this organization, I do know of the splendid work which they are carrying on and how greatly they would appreciate a few minutes of your time.

We have followed with great interest and pleasure Franklin's trip, which certainly will have been most helpful.

With fond greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.
January 25, 1937

Dear Edith:

On Friday, February 26, I am planning to have a belated birthday party for Elinor Morgenthau. She will feel rather sad on her birthday this year and so I thought we would have a belated party for her.

I do not know whether it is possible for you and the Governor to get away and come to a perfectly informal party, but, if you can spare that weekend, we would love to have you over the entire weekend after the party for Elinor Morgenthau on Friday night.

I am asking everyone to either write a poem to her in connection with something that has happened in the past year in their relationship with her that is amusing or significant, or make a little speech to her – whichever they prefer.

Affectionately,
April 6, 1939

My dear Governor Lehman:

Would you be good enough to tell me how you feel about the Youth Commission Bill? Mr. Halsey has written me about it but I would like your opinion.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.
March 31, 1937

My dear Mrs. Scheider:

I have talked to the New York people with reference to Mr. Healey's letter to Mrs. Roosevelt.

I think that there is a pretty complicated situation up there. There seems to be two measures pending in the State Legislature, having to do with the establishment of a Youth Commission. I think the whole thing is 'ticklish' and the National Youth Administration must be very careful not to be criticized on the basis of interfering with State matters.

I shall be glad to talk about this to Mrs. Roosevelt over the telephone or come over to see her, whichever she should prefer.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House.
November 4, 1937

Dear Governor Lehman:

Mr. Thomas L. Cotton, the Director of District No. 3 of the Works Progress Administration in New York State, has suggested that I send a word to you about the qualifications of Mr. Stanley Church, Director of Employment in that district.

Mr. Cotton is very grateful to Mr. Church for his splendid cooperation at all times and especially in the rehabilitating of the colored people at Dutchess Junction, and, having had personal knowledge of the help he has rendered, I want to add a word of appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,
November 8th, 1937

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am in receipt of your letter of November fourth, with regard to Mr. Stanley Church.

I will be very glad indeed to bring your letter immediately to the attention of Mr. Almer F. Andrews, Industrial Commissioner.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY
My dear Governor Lehman:

I have had a letter from Mrs. W. H. Van Derhoef, asking that I write a line in her behalf in connection with the position she desires of Commissioner of the New York State Department of Correction. I know she is a fine person and has been a good worker amongst the women. However, Mrs. O'Day tells me that she had endorsed Mrs. Thomas Hassett before she knew anything about Mrs. Van Derhoef and, of course, all things being equal, I would feel that Mrs. O'Day's recommendation must receive first consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorale Herbert H. Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.
December 9, 1937

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am just in receipt of your letter of December 7th, the contents of which I have carefully noted.

I am not going to make the appointment for the time being but in due course I will, of course, be glad to give careful consideration to your recommendation.

With kindest regards to you and the President, in which Edith joins me, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert H. Lehman
March 1, 1936

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am enclosing this letter and I, of course, do not know whether there is anything which you can do about this man’s suggestion. I wrote to him there was nothing we could do as it is a state matter.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Albany
NY
March 9, 1938.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have been very happy to forward the correspondence from James J. O'Brien, attached to your letter of March 1st, to the Public Service Commission.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert H. Lehman
Governor
October 31, 1938

Dear Ediths,

Of course you do not want to be away on your daughter-in-law's birthday. Could you and Herbert come down for the Judicial Reception on Thursday, January 8th? That is rather far ahead and, of course, if anything comes along you could let me know, but we do hope you can manage to come down for that night.

With love to you and greetings from Franklin and me, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, N.Y.
November 4th, 1936

Dear Eleanor:

Now that the campaign is nearing its end, I want to thank you for your very generous service in my behalf. As a result of your efforts, I am sure that on Election Day we may all go to the polls feeling confident of another great victory. Nevertheless, in the few remaining days before election, it is important that each and every one of us leave no stone unturned toward the successful accomplishment of our task.

It is only through the complete cooperation of every worker that we may hope for victory on November 8th.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation for your past as well as for your future efforts and with renewed thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.
April 24, 1939

Dear Governor Lehman:

The attached clipping was sent to me and the last paragraph disturbs me very much, as I know that the Greenes were not well off. I am sure Mrs. Greene will need every penny she can get, and I wonder if there is any chance that an exception can be made in this case.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

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May 12, 1939

My dear Governor Lehman:

I am very apologetic for having sent you a letter which was not signed and I cannot understand how it got out. I hope you will overlook what was entirely an oversight.

Of course I do not want you to do anything which you consider unwise but I understood that Grace Greene's situation was because Fred had not retired soon enough and I just thought there might be exceptions to that rule.

With many thanks for your letter,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.

T:DD
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Some days ago I received an unsigned letter from the White House enclosing a clipping with regard to Fred Greene's retirement fund. I assume that although the letter was unsigned that it came from you as it was on White House stationery.

I will be glad to look into the matter about which you have written. I am afraid, however, it will be very difficult to do anything. The only way the present regulations with regard to the retirement fund could be changed would be through legislation making an exception in this particular case. So far as I know no such legislation has been introduced. If it should be passed and come to me for action I am afraid it would be difficult for me to approve it, much as I would like to help Mrs. Greene. In past years I have vetoed a number of special bills of this character on the ground that they would open wide the gates to a great amount of similar legislation and thus weaken the Retirement Fund itself. I have a feeling, too, that Fred Greene himself would have been the last person to sanction any exceptions from existing general regulations.

I can assure you, however, that if any legislation of the kind I believe you have in mind comes to me I will give it my very careful consideration.
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May 9, 1939.

I need not tell you how much I sympathize with Mrs. Greene and how greatly I would like to help recognize the unusually splendid service rendered to the State by the Colonel.

It was a great pleasure to see you and the President at the World's Fair on Sunday, a week ago, and to find you both looking so well.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
My dear Governor Lehman:

Thank you so much for writing me about Mrs. Ethel P. Hazelkorn. I understand perfectly what the situation is and will pass on the information to Mrs. Conger.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Governor
Albany, N.Y.
Carbon sent to Mrs. Conger
About Ethel P. Hazelkorn, 234 Main St., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

August 9, 1959
Hyde Park, New York

My dear Governor Lehman:

Mrs. Conger has asked if I would write you concerning the lady who has been the most active in the county here in democratic work. I am enclosing her history and Mrs. Conger’s letter. If there is anything you can do I think it would be a great help in the county.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Governor
Albany, New York
May 8, 1940

Dear Edith:

I was so interested in the article you wrote for the Digest about the Executive Mansion in Albany. I think it is very well done.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, N.Y.
April 23, 1940.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You perhaps did not see the story Mrs. Lehman wrote about the Executive Mansion in Albany. I am enclosing a copy of it as printed in the Knickerbocker News of Albany. The story was written primarily for the Democratic Digest.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Walter T. Brown
July 29, 1940

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this letter from Mrs. Margaret Deubert, of Poughkeepsie. I wonder if anything can be done for her?

Very sincerely yours,
August 8, 1940

Dear Governor Lehman:

Thank you so much for your letter about Mrs. Daubert. I appreciate your interest in her case.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
The Governor of New York
Albany
New York
July 31, 1940.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am just in receipt of your letter of July 29th with enclosure of communication from Mrs. Margaret Daubert, of Poughkeepsie.

I have asked Commissioner Adie to investigate this case promptly.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
Governor of the State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, New York

Dear Governor Lehman:

I would like to report to you with regard to the situation of Mrs. Margaret Daubert of 110 Thompson Street, Poughkeepsie, New York who has written to Mrs. Roosevelt with respect to her inability to secure an assignment through WPA on a project of the Department of Agriculture.

It appears that Mrs. Daubert and her child are living with the complainant's parents. The parents own the property in which they are living, which is a two family house, and at the time the study was made had a bank balance of $800.00.

Mrs. Daubert made an application for assistance on April 5, 1940, at which time it was denied because she was actually not in need. A reconsideration, however, of her application resulted in her being given a grant of $15.68 for the month of May. In June of this year relief was granted in the amount of $7.40. Relief was discontinued in the month of June because it was established that Mrs. Daubert had a life insurance policy which could be adjusted and through which she would receive an amount of $257.00 in cash.

Mrs. Daubert was anxious to secure placement on a project operated by the Department of Agriculture for which certifications are made by the Work Projects Administration. She was certified by the local welfare department for assignment to the project but certification was refused for the reason that she did not meet the eligibility rules of the upstate Work Projects Administration. She was disqualified for two reasons:

1. The amount of relief she was receiving was so small that it could only be considered supplementary relief.
2. Her situation was such that if she is in need
a grant of Aid to Dependent Children could be
properly made.

It has, therefore, been impossible to have Mrs. Daubert placed
on the project, but she has been informed that at any time she
is actually in need the local welfare department will provide
assistance in accordance with this need.

I hope this information will clear up the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Commissioner
September 5th, 1940

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

You will recall that some time ago you wrote me on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Daubert of Poughkeepsie. I immediately took the matter up with our Department of Social Welfare and I am sending you herewith report which I have just received from Commissioner Adie which I think you may find of interest.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: And regards - Herbert H. Lehman]
September 7, 1940
Rye Park, New York

My dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you a letter from Mrs. Frank J. Nugent concerning her husband. I would appreciate it very much if you would have the Parole Board investigate this case.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
The Governor
Albany, N.Y.
October 10, 1940

Dear Governor Lehman:

I would be very grateful if you could institute an investigation into the case of Morris Pike, whose letter to my son I am enclosing.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Hon. Herbert Lehman

Morris Pike, 254 Penn St., Brooklyn

Hurt in a hold-up on his job in 1932 - Nelle Swarts heard and closed his case.
October 10, 1940

My dear Governor Lehman:

Do you think it would be wise for me to try to do anything about the enclosed letter, or would it be better not to interfere in any way?

Very sincerely yours,

Fred Thaler, 550 Franklin Ave., Hartford, Conn. about Dr. Henry Thaler of 600 West 142nd St., NYC - Who has failed to pass the medical pathology exam after practising medicine in Vienna for 20 years - Wants intervention with the medical appeal board.

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
The Governor
Albany, N.Y.

DD
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A letter signed by Frederick Thaler,
550 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut,
addressed to you and forwarded by you to the
Governor on October 10th, has been transmitted
to the Commissioner of Education with the
request that he review the case of Dr. Henry
Thaler of 600 West 142nd Street, New York City.

I am sorry your letter was not
answered at an earlier date but the heavy
correspondence of recent weeks has delayed us
in answering some of the mail. I will let
you know the developments in this case.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

WALTER T. BROWN
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR
Dear Governor Lehman:

Thank you for your letter, telling me about Mrs. Warburg's offer to give her home. I would suggest that you ask Mr. Edward Bruce, of the Division of Painting and Sculpture, in the Treasury Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Albany
NY
Herbert H. Lehman  
Executive Chamber  
Albany  

December 5th, 1940

Personal

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Some time ago Gerald Warburg came to see me and told me that he thought his mother would be willing to give her home at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street as a memorial to her husband, the late Felix M. Warburg, to some responsible organization devoting itself to music or other arts.

You undoubtedly remember the house. It is very large and I believe it to be one of the most beautiful in the City. I think it could be admirably used as a library or for purposes of exhibition or for other educational purposes.

I have just written to Mr. Aubrey Williams to find out whether the matter is of any interest to the National Youth Administration. I do not know, however, whether the Administration could give any assurance that it could maintain the residence as a permanent memorial to Felix M. Warburg. I am, therefore, writing to you to find out whether you know of any other organization which would be interested in acquiring the property as a gift and would obligate itself to maintain it as a permanent memorial to Felix Warburg.

If you are interested and would like to talk to Mrs. Warburg or to one of her sons I would, of course, be very glad indeed to arrange it.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On last October 10th you wrote to the Governor concerning Dr. Henry Thaler of 600 West 142nd Street, New York City, who had taken a medical examination in this State. The case was called to your attention by Mr. Frederick Thaler of 550 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

The Governor directed me to advise you the Education Department informs him that Dr. Thaler has passed the last medical examination and has so been notified.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter T. Brown
January 6, 1941

Dear Edith:

Thank you so much for your note and for your willingness to do what you can for Madame de Grippenberg.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Albany NY
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY
January 4, 1941

Dear Eleanor:

I have received your letter of December 31st, which I hasten to answer.

I shall, of course, be most happy to meet Madame George de Gripenberg, and shall try to arrange to have some of the Albany people meet her as well.

I have asked my secretary to wire Miss Thompson for Madame de Gripenberg's address and shall extend the invitation to her promptly.

With fond greetings,

Affectionately,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.
January 10, 1941

Dear Governor Lehman:

I have been asked by the Rochester League for the Physically Handicapped to do what I can to assist them and the other organizations in New York State that are trying to facilitate the finding of jobs for handicapped people.

They tell me that they find the New York State Compensation Law is largely responsible for the discrimination against the handicapped in industry. I am bringing this to your attention because no doubt an effort will be made to reach the legislators and educators of the state in the hope of having the law changed.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman
Albany, N.Y.
January 2, 1941.

My Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We know of your interest in such organizations as ours, and are writing to you to acquaint you with our particular group.

Two years ago, a strong need was felt among the physically handicapped of Rochester to form an organization, which, in essence would facilitate job placement for the unemployed handicapped.

We learned through our own research, that the New York State Compensation Law, as interpreted by lawyers, is largely responsible for the discrimination against the handicapped in industry. Because of your access to, and affiliations with the legislators and educators of New York State, may we ask that you refer us to those who can assist us in this important work?

We shall deem it a pleasure to send you any further information, and shall appreciate any suggestions or comments which you might have to offer.

Respectfully yours,

DOROTHY C. GOLDMAN
President

ROCHESTER LEAGUE FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

A GROUP OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ORGANIZED TO FACILITATE JOB PLACEMENT
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am in receipt of your letter of January tenth, with regard to the physically handicapped.

I am not familiar with the particular provisions of the New York State Compensation Law which the Rochester League for the Physically Handicapped believe to be responsible for discrimination against the handicapped in industry. I will, of course, be very glad indeed at any time to have the views and suggestions of this organization, or any others, who are trying to facilitate the finding of jobs for handicapped people.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman

Governor
Dear Edith:

It was so kind of you and the Governor to send us the box of goodies for Christmas and everyone enjoyed the things so much. Both Franklin and I are grateful for your thought of us and I am sorry I am so late in telling you about it. I wanted to write long before this but it seemed that one thing and another would come up before I could get the letter off to you.

Many thanks to you both, and our very best wishes.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, N.Y.
February 1, 1941

Dear Edith:

Thank you so much for the lapel pin. It was kind of you to send it to me and I think you are most generous to have these made for the Bundles for Britain Committee in Albany.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, N.Y.
Dear Eleanor,

Take pleasure in sending you one of the pieces that I made for the encouragement of Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman.

I’m the Member for Britain Committee in Albany.

Yours ever,
Executive Mansion
Appalachian Park
March 15th, 1941
April 17, 1941

Dear Governor Lehman:

The Prison Association of New York has asked that I write to you in support of the bill, Senate 1142, Print 1389, introduced at their request. I am interested in their problem of placing men released from prison and believe that the discretionary power given in this bill should be exercised in suitable cases.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The above bill, introduced at the request of this Association and in accord with its recommendations to the legislature, has as its purpose the giving of a free hand to the Parole Board to release those men considered suitable who have been detained, some for a long time, because they do not have a definite job awaiting them at the time of release. This Association, as well as others, is daily in receipt of letters from men inside who say, "All I need for my release is a job." Every agency and person in this city and State interested in the prison problem is making conscientious effort, and with some success, to make a satisfactory response to these appeals. However, because of the employment situation, even in the face of some improvement, jobs for all cannot be found. Yet it is felt that some of these men who are being held could meet with success if they themselves had opportunity to make employment contacts. As a matter of fact, one of the difficulties experienced by this Association, as well as others, is that prospective employers are not anxious to hire what we term a "paper" man, that is, in accord with information we give about the man whom they cannot actually see and whom we cannot present unless there is some arrangement as would be possible under the above bill to make for the man's presence.

You will note that there is nothing mandatory in the new language and nothing to interfere with the control of the Parole Board, but the new language gives discretionary power which can and, we believe, should be exercised in suitable cases.

We worked hard to get this bill through both Houses of the legislature, and mindful of your interest in the problem we now appeal to you to give your continued support by writing the Governor asking him to sign the bill.

Sincerely yours,

General Secretary.
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Sincerely yours,

General Secretary
STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE

March 3, 1941

Introduced by Mr. DESMOND—read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Penal Institutions

AN ACT

To amend the correction law, in relation to parole of prisoners

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred and fourteen of chapter forty-seven of the laws of nineteen hundred nine, re-entitled by chapter two hundred and forty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine "An act in relation to the correction and detention of persons in state correctional institutions, constituting chapter forty-three of the consolidated laws," as last amended by chapter four hundred and fifty-seven of the laws of nineteen hundred thirty-two, is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 § 214. Method of release. The release of a prisoner on parole shall not be upon the application of the prisoner, but solely upon the initiative of the board of parole. No application for release on parole made by a prisoner or on his behalf shall be entertained by the board of parole. At least one month prior to the expiration of the term of parole, an application for parole shall be made by the prisoner and filed with the board of parole. The board of parole shall fix a date for a hearing of the application, and the prisoner shall be notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing. At the time and place fixed for the hearing, the prisoner shall appear in person and be heard by the board of parole. At the hearing, proof of the circumstances under which the prisoner has served his term of incarceration shall be adduced, and the prisoner shall have the right to be heard. The board of parole may grant parole, subject to such conditions as it shall deem necessary for the protection of society. If the board of parole grants parole, it shall fix the date upon which parole is to become effective, and shall notify the prisoner of the date and time of his parole. The parole of a prisoner shall be subject to revocation if the prisoner fails to conform to the conditions of parole, or if the prisoner is found to have committed any crime while on parole.
of the minimum term of each prisoner eligible for parole, it shall
be the duty of the board of parole to cause to be brought before it
all information with regard to such prisoner referred to in section
two hundred and eleven. In addition, it shall have before it a
report from the warden of each prison in which such prisoner has
been confined as to the prisoner's conduct in prison, with a detailed
statement as to all infractions of prison rules and discipline, all
punishments meted out to such prisoner and the circumstances
committed therewith, as well as a report from each such warden
as to the extent to which such prisoner has responded to the efforts
made in prison to improve his mental and moral condition, with a
statement as to the prisoner's then attitude toward society, towards
the judge who sentenced him, towards the district attorney who
convicted him, towards the policeman who arrested him, and how
the prisoner then regards the crime for which he is in prison and
his previous criminal career. In addition, the board shall have
before it a report from the superintendent of prison industries
giving the prisoner's industrial record while in prison, the average
number of hours per day that he has been employed in industry,
the nature of his occupations while in prison and a recommendation
as to the kind of work he is best fitted to perform and at which he is
most likely to succeed when he leaves prison. Such board shall also
have before it the report of such physical, mental and psychiatric
examinations as have been made of such prisoner which so far as
practicable shall have been made within two months of the time of
his eligibility for parole. The board of parole shall have also
before it the report of one of its members giving his personal views
and recommendations as to the prisoner, and, before releasing any
prisoner on parole, shall have the prisoner appear before such
board and shall personally examine him and check up as far as
possible the reports made by prison wardens and others mentioned
in this section. Such board shall reach its own conclusions as to
the desirability of releasing such prisoner on parole. No prisoner
shall be released on parole except by the unanimous vote of the
board of parole, nor unless the board is satisfied that he will
make a conscientious effort to become suitably employed in self-
sustaining employment if so released. In the event of the inability
of any member of the board of parole, the governor shall
appoint some competent informed person to act in his stead during
the continuance of such disability.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
October 5, 1941

Dear Edith:

Thank you so much for your letter which I am sorry was not answered sooner.

I am going to be in Albany for the meeting in the morning and stay for lunch and leave immediately afterward.

I am very grateful to you for asking me to stay at the Mansion and would love to stop in to see you in the morning before going to meeting.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

Mrs. Herbert Lohnen
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York
Executive Mansion
Albany
September 24, 1931

Dear Eleanor:

I have learned with much pleasure that you will be in Albany on October 17th to attend the meeting of the Institute for Women Members of Local Defense Councils.

I do hope that you will make the Mansion your headquarters during your stay and that you will spend the night with us. Both Herbert and I would so enjoy seeing you.

If you will be here overnight, I should be so happy to invite anyone you might care to see to dinner that evening, and, of course, anyone in your party will be welcome to stay at the Mansion also.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and with fond greetings,

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.
November 19, 1941

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am enclosing correspondence which I have received in the case of Ingram Bander. I only want to say that I hope you will be sure the case receives a fair review.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert Lehman

Enc. let. from Mrs. S. H. Ringler 7358 192d St. Jamaica, N.Y. 
MRS. A. Brind, Jr. Counsel of the State Ed. Dept. Albany (in reply to our let. of Oct. 31)
January 16, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

I have a young cousin whose name is W. Forbes Morgan, Jr., who has a farm in Chatham, New York. He has worked for the Conservation Department and has worked his farm. He went into the Army, but on the arrival of a baby he felt he had to get out and earn some money. He is thirty-six years old and I think it would be very much better for him if he could live in Chatham, have a job in Albany.

If you are taking on any extra people he could easily commute and I know you would find him an excellent and steady young man. Would you be good enough to let me know if there is any chance anywhere in any of the departments if not in the Conservation Department?

Very cordially yours,
January 20, 1942

Dear Edith:

The President has been so busy he did not have time to open his Christmas gifts until a day or two ago, and as he wanted the pleasure of opening them when he had time to enjoy them, this note is very late in getting to you.

The chocolates which you and the Governor sent us are delicious and we are enjoying them. We appreciate deeply your thought of us at Christmas time and send you our thanks.

Affectionately,

Herbert

Mrs. Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany, NY
January 22, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am giving this note of introduction to Miss Viola Ilma and Mr. Walter Thayer.

I hope you will have time and be willing to see them, as they want to talk to you about a situation among the young colored people which seems to me to be a very serious one. I am sure you will be glad to consider what they have to say.

Very cordially yours,
January 26, 1942

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Miss Viola Ilma and Mr. Walter Thayer have sent me your note of introduction dated January 22nd. I will be glad to arrange to see Miss Ilma and Mr. Thayer on the occasion of one of my early visits to New York. I have told them that if the matter they wish to discuss with me is of immediate urgency, I will arrange to see them before then in Albany.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert H. Lehman
May 15, 1942

My dear Edith:

I am asking a small group of people to meet with me at my apartment, 29 Washington Square, West, on Wednesday, May the 27th, from four-thirty to five-thirty, to discuss what can be done for the refugee children in this country now. Miss Ingrid Warburg, who has been working with these children, will be present and will be able to talk more fully about the whole situation.

These children are in schools and it is their financial and educational situation which needs support in order to re-establish them as normal children.

I hope very much that you are interested and will be able to join us on the 27th.

Very sincerely yours,

cah

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
820 Park Avenue
New York, New York
May 25, 1942

Dear Edith:

Thank you for writing to me about the artist, Edward Buyck. I will give your letter to Mr. Wayne Coy, who is the person in charge of these things in the Office of Emergency Management.

Affectionately,

(Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Executive Mansion
Albany)
Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Albany, New York

June 1, 1942

Many thanks for your wire and deep regrets have already promised to stay with Mrs. Miller. Will hope to see you. Affectionately

Eleanor Roosevelt
NEW YORK NY MAY 31 944A

MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT YOU WILL BE IN ALBANY ON WEDNESDAY

WONT YOU STAY WITH US WHILE YOU ARE THERE WE WOULD SO ENJOY

HAVING YOU AND EVERY ONE AT THE MANSION WOULD BE SO HAPPY

TO WELCOME YOU AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS

EDITH A LEHMAN.
September 2, 1942.

Dear Governor Lehman:

Many thanks for your letter about Mr. Daniel Kilkeely. I am so glad to know you were able to take such action.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Governor of the State of New York.
Albany, New York.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 26th with regard to the case of Mr. Daniel Kil Kelly.

I have read Mr. Kil Kelly's letter with sympathy and understanding. Judging by his letter and from the other things that I have heard through our Division of Parole, he apparently has made an excellent comeback, and I am anxious to help him in every way possible. Unless there is something in the case which does not appear on the record, I will be very willing to give him a pardon to remove disability and to restore him to citizenship.

I have immediately written to Mr. Kil Kelly and am sending you herewith a copy of my letter. I can assure you that both the Parole Board and I will do everything possible to work out a constructive solution to Mr. Kil Kelly's problem.

I am glad that you have taken up the matter with me.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

enc.
August 27, 1942.

Mr. Daniel Kilkelly,
135 Harrison Street,
East Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Kilkelly:

Mrs. Roosevelt has forwarded to me the letters addressed to her regarding your problem arising from your conviction in 1928.

I have discussed your case with the Chairman of the Parole Board. He informs me that our State Parole Board will not inform your private employer of your previous record while you remain in employment at the Navy Yard. In the event that your employer should leave the Navy Yard and engage in war construction at a different place, Mr. Dressler of the New York City office of the Parole Board will discuss your problem with you and attempt to work out a solution in substantially the same manner as has been accomplished in your present situation. Commissioner Moran further informed me that the Division of Parole would have no objection to your working outside of the State of New York or the United States.

I have been informed that you have a desire to enter Civil Service. In such case, it would be necessary for you to secure a pardon to remove disability. I am transmitting applications for such a pardon. I will be glad to entertain your application for such a pardon as well as for restoration to citizenship. Upon receipt of the completed forms, you may be sure that your case will be given every consideration.

So that there may be no delay, I would suggest that you send your applications addressed to me personally at the Executive Mansion, Albany, N.Y. I will be glad to follow up the matter myself.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Enos.
September 18, 1942

Dear Edith:

Thank you for your note. I am so glad you and the Governor can go to see Peter get his wings.

My congratulations and good wishes to Peter.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Herbert Lehman
Albany, NY
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY

September 10th

Dear Mrs.:

I am so sorry to be unable to attend the Tea on the 24th at which you
will be the honored guest. Isabel and I
are leaving on that day for Ottawa to
attend the graduation exercises of Peter's
class and I see him get his wings. This
is, of course, an occasion which I showed
and must not miss. But I regret accord-
ingly that it conflicts with the reception
for Mrs. Johnson.

Hoping to see you soon and
with fond greetings,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Dear Eleanor:

few so many thanks for your
most thoughtful note and for the beau-
tiful carnations and roses that fill
our room with cheer and a delicious
fragrance. Husband and I are enjoying
them immensely and greatly appreciate
your thoughtfulness.

I feel somewhat ashamed
to be spending my first week here in bed.

but hope that I will be thoroughly inves-
mint against similar injunctions for the
winter.

With affectionate greetings
Fondly,

Pat A. Rhom
November 26, 1942

Dear Herbert:

I am delighted over your new appointment and know of no one who could be more valuable in this important work. My congratulations and good wishes.

I have had the suggestion made to me and I approve, that perhaps you would consider Helen Harris, whom I think you must know from NYA in New York City, as an assistant.

Cordially yours,

The Honorable Herbert Lehman
Governor of New York
Albany, New York
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I should like to make a suggestion which I hope will appeal to you as sound.

I was delighted with the President's appointment of Governor Lehman to a post with unlimited opportunities for a man of his ability and devotion, one that he can handle well — and the broader implications of his appointment seem ideal to me.

I am sure that the job will grow in responsibility and that he will need in due course a well-rounded staff. I want to suggest the appointment of Helen Harris, of this city, as one of his assistants. I know that I need not describe her qualifications because you know her so well. I have known her personally ever since she came to this city from Pittsburgh many years ago. As head of Union Settlement she made it one of the outstanding Neighborhood Houses of the city. Her work as Administrator of N.Y.A. gave broader scope to her abilities and showed her a sound executive, possessed of constructive imagination and wide social vision. She collaborated splendidly with other officials, federal, state and municipal. When the N.Y.A. of this area was consolidated with the New England area, I think the government lost an outstanding administrator whose ability should be availed of elsewhere, and soon. I hope you will feel as I do that she is outstanding among the women leaders of this community.

It is only because I believe her ideally fitted to help Governor Lehman in his new field of work that I take the liberty of writing you, knowing that although you have no direct control in the situation, your influence in every social field counts heavily, as it should.

My best regards.

Faithfully yours,

Stanley M. Isaacs

AIR MAIL
December 1, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this copy of a letter I have received from Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, and I wonder if you would see her. She is a good organizer.

Very sincerely yours,

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Governor of New York
Albany, New York
It was during a letter to answer my recent letter and tell me about Mande and David. I am glad to hear that David is better and stronger, and I am sure that they both, especially Lily, the greatest moral effort from leading such useful lives.

I am writing this to begin about myself. I feel the greatest urge to be useful now. I work for the New York Infirmary, but I think it is at last, so well organized it would do better without me, and the other women would simply have to take more responsibility—each one.

And I have been working on forums and meetings on the future World and the United Nations, etc. And now there seems to be much competition among the various organizations that there is a growing confusion—too much, at the moment, of a good thing.

I have been wondering if it could be of use in Governor Lehman’s new Commission.
I worked this summer on my speaking and took two courses at Columbia. I have experience in propaganda and organizing. You remember I was President of the National Woman Suffrage Party when we won the referendum in this State. I have presented the Committee on Public Information in Switzerland and in the past war.

in the 1920s, I owned a daily newspaper. I am a practical person. I have been interested in keeping up-to-date in organizing. You know, you know. I am very far from young, I am strong and healthy and have lots of energy.

I would really love a good hard regular job—so far more than the most important thing in the world is, of course, the reason

to keep civilization going and a great step to worth it is the work that I am.

Take it seriously and I have a great desire to know what steps I can take to bring myself to the attention of the proper people. I doubt if I have any existence. The woman speaking days when I was younger, are so long ago.

It is important to write to you about myself.
December 10, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,-

I have received your letter of December 1st, enclosing one from Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, to whom I am answering direct.

I have suggested that she 'phone my office to make appointment to talk the matter over.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director, Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
December 8, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this letter from Mrs. Dewitt Stetten, for any consideration you may be able to give it.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Herbert L. Lehman
Room 284
State Department Building
Washington, D.C.
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 8 with enclosure of a letter from Mrs. Dewitt Stetten. I will be very glad later on to give careful consideration to her suggestion with regard to Mr. Louis Adamic.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director, Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations

Mrs. Roosevelt,

The White House.
December 8, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

Miss Viola Ilma, 122 East 22d Street,
New York City, is very anxious to have a chance
to talk to you about the possibility of being
of use to you later.

Although I have written to Mr. Poletti
about her, I am writing again to you to say that
I think Miss Ilma is a person who might be of use.
I understand you are not setting up an organisation
now, but you may want to keep her name on file.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Care of the Executive Office
write Gov. Lehman, address on Park Ave, NYC

Miss Viola Ilma (give address) is very anxious to have a chance to talk to you about the possibility of being of use to you later. I understand that you are not setting up an organization now, but I think she is a person who might be of use.

e.r.

Didn't we do this? If not - her new address?
December 9, 1942

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this letter from Mrs. C. K. Staudt, concerning the American School for Boys in Baghdad, together with the President's memorandum thereon. Do you wish to see Mr. Staudt and discuss the problem with him?

I would appreciate your returning the papers to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert Lehman
Room 284, State Dept. Building
December 21, 1942.

Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you this note in behalf of Mr. Alfred H. Bingham, one of the Editors of "Common Sense". He tells me he has asked you for an interview and this is only to say I know him and if you have time, I feel sure you will be interested.

Very sincerely yours,

Governor Herbert H. Lehman
Room 284
State Department
Washington, D. C.
December 17, 1942

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As an editor who has been proud to carry your name on our letterhead as a contributor, I hesitate to make any request of you not connected with Common Sense. But I should like to look into the possibilities of working under Governor Lehman in a job that not only appeals to my sympathies but has a much more direct bearing on winning the war than magazine work. I am wondering if you would be willing to help me reach Governor Lehman.

I have written him directly, requesting an interview. But a word from you would naturally be a great help in getting favorable attention.

My term in the Connecticut State Senate, and a period of work in the OPA helping organize the rationing boards in Connecticut, have given me some practical experience of government administrative work, to add to such qualifications as I may have as a writer and editor.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred M. Bingham
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 21 regarding Mr. Alfred M. Bingham, one of the editors of Common Sense. I have advised Mr. Bingham that I will be glad to see him next week.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Roosevelt,

The White House.
January 13, 1943

Dear Governor Lehman:

Elinor told me yesterday that she was going to speak to you about Charlotte Carr. She left Hull House because the board disapproved of her taking part in any political activity, but not because her work had not been excellent.

You know her and her work in New York State and I feel if there is any place where you could use her on policy making, she might be of great value in the future, even if you can not at present give her any specific work to do.

I hope you will see her and talk over with her what she thinks she can do as I think she is a valuable person and should be used in these coming years.

Miss Carr has an offer for paid work at the present time which she could do on the side until you actually needed her full time, if you could let her be with you on the policy end so that she would know from the beginning what your plans are and how she could do the best work.

Very cordially yours,
February 6, 1945

Dear Governor Lehman:

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune has spoken to me about the possibility of Negro workers being appointed for work in the post-war rehabilitation program. I am sending the suggestion along for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
Singh letter encloses report he has prepared on famine situation in India. States that this is happening to one of the members of the United Nations where the British flag flies, etc.

November 10, 1943.

My dear Governor Lehman:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Mr. J. Singh, President of the India League of America.

The President has seen it and advised Mrs. Roosevelt that it is a matter which the new UNERA can properly take up.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable Herbert Lehman
United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR
MRS. ROOSEVELT:

This is a matter which the new UNRRA can properly take up.

F.D.R.

[Handwritten note]

Tell him we are doing all.

P.O.N.E
11/11/44
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

How can one?

E. R.
August 17, 1944.

My dear Governor Lehman:

Mrs. Roosevelt will appreciate it if you will be good enough to let her know whether or not there is any opening in U.M.R.A. for Negroes and if there is how they should apply.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
United Nations Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I trust you will not be annoyed by my third letter to you. May you accept this as confidential and personal.

April 14th I wrote you a letter concerning the social, economic, and political issues confronting all people. In that letter I stated that I would be happy to talk with you. Your office called the national Y.M.C.A. office in New York City who in turn contacted the Bridgeport Y.M.C.A. Those in authority, of this association, questioned me at great length concerning my writing to you and the reasons I wanted to talk to you. To make a long story short, they were and are anti-democrats and naturally are critical of our present government administration. Since such an experience my co-workers have not been as receptive as they were before my talk with you. I am the only Negro secretary, and having conversations with you and being one of your admirers thus caused such an anti-feeling.

Last week I wrote an article to the editor of one of the city’s leading papers. It was printed. The article concerned itself with the Philadelphia situation. I was again attacked by those in authority. There has been a sore spot pending from my conference with you. I am planning to depart from this organization for it is far from being what it is supposed to represent.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

August 12, 1944

I would like to affiliate myself with the Relief and Rehabilitation administration of the United Nations under the supervision of the Honorable Herbert Lehman. I am wondering if you could possibly have some influence in seeing that I am appointed. No doubt there are a few Negroes if any connected with this great administration. I shall appreciate your interest and attention very deeply. May you accept this in strict confidence. I pray that I will hear from you.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Lester M. Sull
Secretary