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The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
41 East 57th St.
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Dear Senator Lehman:

At our Board meeting on June 6, the Directors of this Committee took note of developments that are important and encouraging. They asked me to solicit your help in carrying out the decisions we reached.

Last month at Baylor University President Eisenhower said that "European union, one of the greatest dreams of Western man, seems nearer today than at any time in centuries". He called attention to the fact that the creation of "a free, United States of Europe" would make the continent "a mighty pillar of free strength in the modern world".

The governments of the six Schuman Plan countries have now decided to draw up treaties for the establishment of a unified atomic industry and for the creation of a continental economic union. We find it especially encouraging that the governments will base these treaties squarely on the expert proposals of the Intergovernmental Committee headed by Paul-Henri Spaak. The treaty conference is scheduled to open on June 26.

For years the Saar problem has been a major obstacle to European union. Early this month Chancellor Adenauer and Premier Mollet reached an agreement that should dispose of that issue and pave the way for closer relations between France and Germany.

In the six countries the citizen organizations of the European Movement have begun a public campaign for economic unification. Their objective is also supported by Jean Monnet's Action Committee for the United States of Europe, which has already secured endorsement of economic unity in three of the six national parliaments. The European Movement groups are endeavoring to bring about a real understanding of the issues,

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since, as President Eisenhower pointed out in his Baylor speech, one of the stumbling blocks "is the failure of populations as a whole to grasp the long-term political, economic and security advantages of union".

Europe's leaders like Spaak and Robert Schuman believe that if the current plan to achieve economic integration in Western Europe is rejected, the unity movement will have failed for our time. The leaders are determined to make it succeed. They have urged our Committee to again aid their effort.

In view of the great responsibilities our friends have assumed in Europe, the Board of the American Committee has decided that we should do our utmost to help them in the coming months. For if they succeed, in the President's words, "a new sun of hope, security and confidence would shine for Europe, for us, for the free world".

You have stood with our Committee for a long time. We face now a supreme opportunity to tip the scales for the West and against the long-term Soviet program of Communist subversion and conquest in Europe. This effort needs your backing. I hope you will contribute as generously as you can.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Donovan
Chairman

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