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June 28, 1947.

J. Henry Lidy,  
418 West Market St.,  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Lidy:--

Let me assure you of my appreciation of your letter of the 24th. It was gracious of you to write. I did not think when I wrote to the editor of the Inquirer of the publication of my letter, but I am glad that it was used, for I never want to miss a chance to make some little contribution toward justice for the man whose great services to humanity were rewarded by the worst "smear" campaign of which I have known in my life, and I am not a young man.

Personally I am confident that as time passes more and more of our citizens will realize how much worthier Herbert Hoover was and is than was his successor. Indeed I think we have already seen a great move in that direction. Some time ago, while F.D.R. was still living, I spoke in the Oregon State College auditorium in the evening of the day in which a speaker of national prominence had spoke in the morning. This speaker had paid his back-handed compliments to Hoover, ending his attack with the statement that he had left the presidential office more completely discredited than any man who had ever occupied the White House. His conclusion was received in stony silence, as had been his argument that the depression, which had continued so long, was chargeable to Hoover. In my address that evening, I remarked that to charge Hoover with the responsibility for that depression, which was throughout most of the '30's almost world wide, was an injustice to Hoover matched only by the folly of the man who would make such a statement. To my astonishment the audience burst into applause that shook the windows.

Again thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.