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## Pennington to Hoover, November 14, 1947

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November 14, 1947.

Herbert Hoover,  
The Towers,  
Waldorf-Astoria,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friend:--

I have been delighted and distressed about you of late, delighted that you are getting a measure of justice in print these days, and distressed at the report that you have been suffering from what is commonly called shingles, a disease so distressing that it deserves at least its scientific name of herpes zoster. I am earnestly hoping that you are by this time entirely recovered and that you will never have a recurrence of the trouble. And I hope that America will never again dishonor herself by believing the things that were said and written against you during the worst "smear" campaign at least in my memory.

It has been a joy to read the newspaper articles, the newspaper communications and editorials and all the rest that has been written in recent months, to show some belated justice to you. The restoration of the name to the Hoover Dam was just one of the things that have been rejoicing your friends of late. My guess is that you have seen all of the articles in leading magazines, and perhaps more of them than I have had a chance to see, though I have not intentionally missed any of them. The last one I saw was in the September number of Nation's Business, sent to me by a nephew of mine who is also an admirer of you and your work.

As clerk of the monthly meeting I presented at the last meeting your appeal for help to the Boys Clubs. It was left for individual subscriptions to be handed to the treasurer, which was the way it was done last year. I fear there may not be as great a response as last year, for the pressure is on for contributions for relief over seas. Our meeting is not a wealthy one, as you know, and we have given some thousands of dollars during the last year and a half, and only last night I took up gifts of over \$550.00 at a meeting that had been addressed by Jack Hollister of the American Friends Service Committee. Not all of this came from Friends, but most of it did, I am sure. I hope your Boys Club enterprise will not be neglected by the folks here, but if it is, it is only because the pull of the suffering overseas is very strong.

With best wishes, in which Rebecca joins heartily,

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.