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52 William Street
New York

December 22nd, 1933

Mr. Germain Seligmann,
c/o Jacques, Seligmann & Company, Inc.,
8 East 51st Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Seligmann:

Ever since the Federation campaign opened a few months ago, a few of us have been spending our days begging, pleading and soliciting. Now the campaign is coming to an end. In spite of such generous support and the hard work of two thousand men and women, we are still far from our goal.

A few days ago, Mr. Paul Felix Warburg wrote to you about the possibility of repeating for 1933 the special donation of \$51 that you gave in 1932.

I am certain that you know a great deal about Federation; you know of all the tragedy and suffering alleviated in its hospitals, its child care institutions, its home for the aged, its orphan asylums, etc.

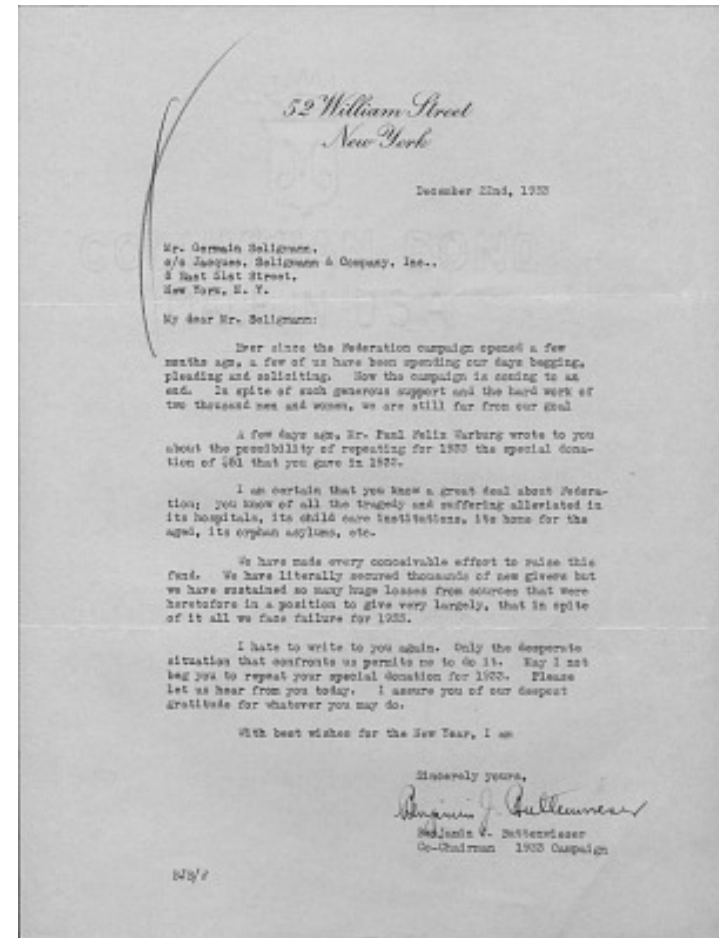
We have made every conceivable effort to raise this fund. We have literally secured thousands of new givers but we have sustained so many huge losses from sources that were heretofore in a position to give very largely, that in spite of it all we face failure for 1933.

I hate to write to you again. Only the desperate situation that confronts us permits me to do it. May I not beg you to repeat your special donation for 1933. Please let us hear from you today. I assure you of our deepest gratitude for whatever you may do.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,
[signature] Benjamin J. Buttenwieser [signature]
Benjamin J. Buttenwieser
Co-Chairman 1933 Campaign

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