March 30, 1941

Hon. Albert Conway, Judge
Court of Appeals
Albany, New York

Dear Albert;

I am just in receipt of your letter of March 28th with inclosure of a letter from Mr. G. M. Heistand. I appreciate very much indeed his invitation and yours to attend the Annual Regional meeting of the Scouters and Council representatives from seventy-four local councils in the States of New York and New Jersey, which will be held in Rochester on Saturday April 26th.

I sincerely wish that I could accept the invitation as I know that I would greatly enjoy the conference. Unfortunately, however, as you know the Legislature will probably adjourn on April 4th, and after the bills have been indexed and compared, I will have to devote myself to their consideration for the rest of the thirty day period.

Last year there were almost one thousand bills which came to me from the Legislature. The number will probably not be much less this year. That means that I will have to work literally day and night, and I will be particularly busy on week ends as on other days I am pretty well occupied with my regular official duties.

April 26th is the last Saturday of the bill signing period, and it will be quite impossible for me to leave Albany on that day.
I am with great regret forced to decline all invitations saving those of an official character which would call me away from Albany during the thirty day bill signing period. May I ask you to explain the situation to Mr. Heistand and the other members of the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,