Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
Governor of New York  
Albany, New York  

Dear Governor Lehman:

A special session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress will be held in Miami, Florida, on Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14, coincident with the 34th Annual Convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, meeting November 10-12, and the 30th Annual Convention of the American Association of Port Authorities, which will meet the preceding week.

I gladly join with Florida's United States Senators and Representatives, the officials of Miami and Dade County, and the marine and business leaders of the State of Florida, in extending you a most cordial invitation to visit Miami and attend these waterway conventions and to appoint official delegates from your State to participate in the meetings.

An entertaining and instructive program of events has been planned by local committees, working in conjunction with the Convention Bureau of Miami, and I feel certain that you will find the trip worth while.

Topics to be discussed by prominent national leaders and waterways authorities will cover subjects of primary importance in connection with the improvement and development of the Nation's ports and waterways, with particular emphasis upon the function of water transportation in the present defense emergency.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to attend and that your State will be fully represented at the convention.

With cordial personal greetings, I remain

Yours faithfully,

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