August 25, 1937

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

My dear Governor Lehman:

As you make your preparations to attend the Annual Governors' Conference at Atlantic City next month I want you to consider the invitation which I plan to extend to the Conference to meet in South Carolina in 1938.

I have begun work on this early, both because I am anxious to have the Governors come to our State and because I want ample time to prepare for the gathering in a style befitting its importance.

I will extend South Carolina's bid for the 1938 Conference from the Floor at Atlantic City, but I am writing this in advance to give you an idea of my purposes and plans.

South Carolina is very beautiful in the fall of the year and should the Governors do us the honor of accepting our invitation the visit to our State would surely be a pleasant one.

 Needless to say, these are times of stress and difficulty in governmental affairs. A year from now our problems will have multiplied and not diminished. It is fitting therefore, that we plan our Conference far in advance, formulate our discussions and arrange to deal with our peculiar difficulties under the most favorable conditions.

South Carolina has long been a leader in National affairs and it is fitting that South Carolina soil should be the gathering place for Chief Executives of Sister States. Momentus decisions have been made in South Carolina's Classic Halls and it is proper that Governors, abreast of modern times and conscious of the necessity for cooperation and friendship between their states, should choose South Carolina for their Convention.
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You will find South Carolina and South Carolinans alive to problems of the present and ready hosts to those who seek progressive answers to the perplexing problems of a growing civilization.

So I invite you to South Carolina in 1938, to meet your fellow Governors in frank discussion and pleasant recreation, to see our prosperous Piedmont, teeming with successful industry, and to explore the unrivaled beauty of our coastal country.

Be assured that your decision to come to South Carolina will be received as an honor by me and will be remembered as a wise decision by you.

I hope to see you in Atlantic City next month at which time I will surely make an opportunity to discuss this matter further with you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Governor