My Dear Governor:

The State of North Dakota is pleased to extend to you and members of your Official Staff, a most cordial invitation to attend and participate in the International Peace Celebration, which is to be held at Minot, North Dakota on Sunday, July the Fourth, Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Seven.

The President of the United States, Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt; the Secretary of State, Honorable Cordell Hull; the Premier of Canada, Rt. Honorable MacKenzie King; the Governors of all states that border on the International Boundary between the United States and Canada and Premiers of all Canadian Provinces along the boundary line are being invited with you to participate in the Peace Celebration. It is hoped that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt may be present to give an address on "Peace". Equally outstanding speakers from Canada are to be present.

It seems fitting that the United States and Canada hold a "Good Neighbor" Celebration to mark one hundred twenty years of peace, along an unfortified boundary over three thousand miles long, when many other countries of the world are strengthening fortifications for protection against encroaching neighbors. Furthermore, it seems fitting that Minot, North Dakota, practically the geographical center of the North American Continent, be the location of this Celebration. Minot is only sixty miles from the International Boundary between Canada and the United States, and is close to the International Peace Garden, located on both sides of the boundary line in the Turtle Mountains, and being beautified and developed by both nations. The Peace Celebration will be held in the Pioneer Bowl at Minot - a huge, natural, outdoor amphitheater, capable of accommodating comfortably the thousands of people who are expected to participate in this event.

Trusting that it may be possible for you to honor the State of North Dakota by attending this meeting in person, as well as designating some of your Official Staff to attend with you, I am, with assurances of my highest esteem,

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

Truly yours,

William Langer
Governor of North Dakota