February 10, 1939

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

My dear Governor Lehman:

I am pleased to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend The National Parole Conference, which has been called at the suggestion of the President for April 17 and 18 in Washington.

As you will note from the attached letter, the President has emphasized the need for presenting the facts about parole, reaching an agreement as to desirable standards and procedures in its administration, and pointing a way to closer cooperation between the Federal Government and the governments of the several states.

I very much hope that you, personally, will be able to be present and to participate in the discussions. It would also greatly promote the objectives of the Conference if you were accompanied or represented by an official delegation selected from citizens of your state who are conversant with the many difficult phases of the parole problem and from officials actively engaged in prison and parole work, law enforcement, and the administration of justice.

The detailed plans and program for the Conference will be sent to you at an early date, but in the meantime I should appreciate a word from you as to whether you can attend. You may also wish to submit the names of the members of your delegation so that they may be kept advised of the plans for the Conference.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Attorney General.

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