March 4, 1939

Hon. Herbert M. Lehman,
Governor, State of New York,
Albany, New York.

My dear Governor Lehman:

You will perhaps recall from our recent correspondence that, at the request of the President, I am arranging a National Parole Conference to be held in Washington, D. C. on April 17 and 18, 1939. It is the President's hope and mine that the Conference will serve to create a better understanding of parole on the part of the general public and to offer an opportunity to formulate practical standards and principles to govern the administration of parole.

The constructive interest you have shown in problems of law enforcement prompts me to hope that you would be willing to address the morning session of the Conference on April 17, 1939, on some phase of the parole question. It would contribute greatly to the success of the Parole Conference if you would consent to do this.

I shall be glad to see that any of our parole material and other data on the subject are made available to you if you care to have me do so.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Attorney General.