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Dear Judge Patterson:

I am, of course, heartily in accord with the spirit of American Brotherhood Week. I sincerely congratulate all the fine public-spirited men and women who have worked so unselfishly and diligently with the National Conference of Christians and Jews to make this year's observance of Brotherhood Week an effective example of understanding and cooperation.

While it is most commendable that our consciousness of brotherhood be heightened for the week set aside, commencing with George Washington's birthday --- we should strive every day of the year to strengthen the spirit of sympathy and understanding that is the essence of brotherhood.

It is my prayer and hope that reason, tolerance and good will may again prevail in the world over force, injustice and bigotry. Hatred and prejudice, suspicion and fear must yield to good will and understanding which, if honestly and honorably developed, will once more lead to justice among nations and to brotherhood among men.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Robert P. Patterson,
General Chairman,
Brotherhood Week.