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Mr. Carl D. Swanson
Chairman, Mock Convention
Washington and Lee University
Box 918
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Dear Mr. Swanson:

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter and for the cordial invitation to attend the initiation banquet of the Pi Sigma Alpha some time during February and to deliver an address later that evening in Lee Chapel.

I am highly honored by this invitation and wish it were possible for me to accept. However, during the past several years the burden of my work here has become so great that I have been compelled to decline all invitations, however attractive, which would take me away from Washington while the Congress is in session. For this reason I fear that I will not be able to be with you on this occasion.

Again thanking you for the honor paid me by this invitation and expressing my regret that circumstances are such that I am unable to accept, I am

Sincerely,

