

March 4, 1942

Mr. W. L. Batt
Director of Materials
War Production Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill,

I can't tell you how thrilled and honored we are by your acceptance of the invitation to give the Commencement address at Bennington College. According to present schedules, you could get a sleeper from Washington to New York and a plane from New York to Albany where you would be met by the College car, which would bring you to Bennington College by 10:30 a.m. The problem of getting you back is not a difficult one because the College car could drive you to Albany in the afternoon where you could get a train for New York and a sleeper which would bring you to Washington the next morning. Of course, if you could afford a more leisurely expenditure of time, you could stay the night and make the trip back to Washington on Sunday.

I hope it will be possible for Mrs. Batt to come with you. I am sure that she as well as you will enjoy the Vermont climate at this particular time of the year. We are all so glad that you can come and I hope you will carry out the plan of using this occasion as a sounding board for whatever you have on your mind to say at that time. If you have your manuscript prepared sometime in advance, we would like to have copies, so that we can put it out through our public relations department.

With highest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lewis Webster Jones
President

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