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FLOYD B. OLSON, GOVERNOR

January 2, 1934

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Hon. William Langer, Governor of North Dakota Bismarck, North Dakota

My dear Governor:

At the time of the Washington conference between the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the five western Governors it was tentatively agreed among the Governors to hold another conference early in the session of the Seventy-Third Congress, for the purpose of making recommendations to Congress with reference to agricultural relief. It was also understood that we would invite the Governors of all the agricultural states of the Union to the conference.

Recently Governor Murray of Oklahoma has indicated a desire to hold a Governors Conference in Oklahoma. I have withheld acceptance or declination of the Oklahoma conference until I could learn your wishes. If the meeting place meets with your approval I will be glad to join with you and with Governor Murray in the calling of a conference at Oklahoma City, even though considerations of convenience would make Des Moines or Kansas City a more appropriate meeting place.

I believe that one of the principal subjects for discussion among the Governors is a recommendation to Congress for the passage of a federal law authorizing states to enter into compacts and agreements with each other as provided by Article 1, Section 10 of the federal constitution. If authority is given to the states to enter into production and marketing agreements with reference to agricultural products, the agricultural states could not only assist their farmer citizens by various agreements and compacts, but could cooperate with the federal department of agriculture and thereby do a great deal to facilitate the carrying out of federal plans for the production and marketing of farm products.

May I have your early advice with reference to this matter.

With the best of wishes for the coming New Year to you and the people of your state, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.