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Mr. Arthur Lagueux, President
Rotary International
35 East Wacker Drive
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Dear President Arthur:-

Conscious as we are of what it means to have the presence of the President of Rotary International in our midst and anxious to have you see Rotary in action in District 280 and neighboring Districts, I hereby invite you to include Western North Carolina in your itinerary for a big Tri-State Rotary Meeting to be held in Asheville, North Carolina, on a date most suited to you.

To this meeting would come Rotarians from four Rotary Districts and from the four states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Last year President Percy Hodgson accepted such an invitation and many Rotarians from a wide area, who otherwise would not have had this privilege of hearing and meeting him, were present for this gathering. In fact, so many Rotarians expressed a desire to see and hear the President of Rotary International that the meeting had to be broken down into two large gatherings.

Asheville, where the proposed Tri-State Rotary Meeting is to take place, is the home town of Buzz Tennent who would be very happy if you could visit this section but who would be the very last person in the world to suggest it by virtue of his position in Rotary last year.

Some years ago I visited French Canada and spent three weeks on the Gaspé Peninsula. What a charming and lovely country I found there! I believe that we have in our section of the country also a lovely spot of God's good earth. We are located in the great Appalachian range of mountains which we call here "The Great Smokies." It might be of interest to mention that just recently the National Park Service of the United States government released figures showing that the Great Smoky National Park attracted more visitors in 1949 than any other national park in North America.

Should you have a little time to spare on your anticipated visit to us, we would be most happy to show you some of the beauty of our Great Smokies. Most of all, however, our Rotarians here want to see, meet and hear you talk about Rotary.

Therefore, the Rotarians of District 280 and of the adjoining Districts would be most happy if you should honor them with a visit. We sincerely trust that you will find it possible to do so.

Rotarily yours,

Walter Nau

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