August 20, 1945

Mr. Harry Jennings Bonds Incorporated 917 Minnesota Avenue Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Harry:

I have just wired you to the effect that Mrs. Allen and I will be unable to attend your Rotary Club last fire-side pionic tonight.

Mrs. Allen and I have a young sick grandchild in our care with the mother absent temporarily from our home. Jill, our nine month old daughter of our daughter, Jane Mons, took ill last evening and scared the grandmother nearly to death. She is teething and last evening after dinner she was seized with an attack that might not have been too serious, but with the daughter away Mrs. Allen, fearing something untoward might happen, nearly lost her composure.

What I am endeavoring to say, Harry, is that with a sick grandchild at home, Mrs. Allen and I would not venture to leave her during this warm weather in her condition, more from fear of what might happen to her in her mother's absence.

Thanks so much for thinking of us. We would have been delighted to have attended under more favorable conditions. Please give your Rotarians my appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Allen Governor, District 123 R.I.

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