



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

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Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Storting,  
Nobel Institutet,  
Oslo, Norway.

Gentlemen:

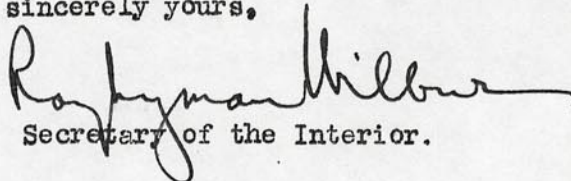
Since formally organized here in America in 1910, the Boy Scout movement has enrolled in its membership as scouts and leaders, 5,950,000 men and boys. It reaches every hamlet and village and includes boys of all races, creeds, and classes. Its unique program of boy activities, and service for others, with the aid of a uniform, welded this vast group into an army of friendship here in America. At the present time one out of every 4-1/2 boys of scout age is enrolled in its membership through the volunteer service of some 200,000 men.

It is recognized here in America in educational, as well as governmental circles, as a vital factor in the life of the Nation, as evidenced by the fact that it operates under a Federal charter granted by the Congress to which it renders a report of its activities annually. The President of the United States is its Honorary President, and all branches of the Federal Government cooperate.

It is a pleasure for me to unite with others in recommending to your honorable body award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, through whose genius and vision a scout program was made available to the world following his experimenting and organization of the first troop in Great Britain in 1908. As is shown in the accompanying memorandum, the scout movement is in operation in practically

every civilized nation of the world, and in my judgment is definitely contributing to good will and friendship among the future men of the world.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Secretary of the Interior.

Inclosure.