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Dear Governor Lee:

Our meeting of March 18 was so fruitful in what it achieved and so bright in what it promised that I thought we should have a permanent reminder of it.

I hope you will accept the enclosed booklet as a meaningful memento of the White House Conference of Governors on Federal-State Relations, and as a mark of my genuine appreciation of your personal contribution.

Since our March meeting, I have enjoyed the opportunity to confer again with many of the Governors during General Westmoreland's visit and the New England Governors' Conference. I look forward to more of these occasions, when we can together refresh our commitment to make the New Federalism a dynamic force in our country's economic and social life.

It is a force that can equip each of us, as public executives, to better marshal our national resources for the common good. As our challenges leap every boundary line, as our decisions demand local and community action, so must the partnership of executive leadership be expanded if we are to transform our problems into our opportunities.

I hope as you read this booklet that you will be impressed anew, as I was, by the exciting prospect our common purpose creates. It is ours to seize and shape, and I welcome your strong hand in that task.

Sincerely,

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To Governor H. Rex Lee

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