

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1913.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

Allow me to thank you sincerely for the cordial and attractive invitation which you are good enough to extend to me in your kind letter of June 16th. I am, indeed, very sorry that it is not possible for me to accept. I have bound myself during the first year of my administration to devote my time entirely to my duties, and I am therefore declining all invitations to attend public functions during that period. You can readily understand how embarrassing it would be should I make an exception to this rule.

Please let me assure you that I warmly appreciate your kindness, and that the generous personal words to which you give expression are especially pleasing to me.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Dr. James K. Patterson,  
State University,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

