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Mrs. Bina G. Luiten, Theta Sigma Phi,
East 633--23rd Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Luiten:

I am sincerely hopeful that the enclosed clipping from the Yakima Sunday Herald will explain, as apologies could not, my absence from the Theta Sigma Phi Second Annual Radio, TV and Newspaper Writers Award Banquet.

Believe me, I would much have preferred to have been at Spokane where I could have met those of my own profession. So I trust I am forgiven.

I am looking forward, however, to the time that I may meet various newspaper writers from your section of the state, Idaho and Western Montana.

I plan to be in Spokane the week-end of May 6-7 for the Pacific Northwest History Conference, having been on the planning committee last year at Helena, Mont., when we assigned it to Spokane. Mr. Babb, Yale librarian is to ~~xxx~~ be the principal speaker, and it may be that some of you will be participants, so after all I will have the opportunity of meeting you. Mr. Joel Farris, Father Davis, Father "Bill" Bischoff, Mrs. Gilbert and others of Spokane are on your local committee of arrangements.

And my deepest gratitude for the honor accorded me by Theta Sigma Phi as well as my small bit of appreciation for the example you and your group are setting for the profession.

Sincerely

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