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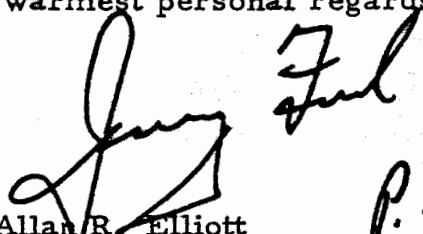
Dear Allan:

As you know, when you first asked me to deliver the commencement address at Clarion State College on May 18, I had every hope of being able to attend and I was looking forward to going with great anticipation. While a part of my interest was prompted by the strong endorsements of Senators Scott and Schweiker and Congressman Murtha, more than anything else it was because the request had come from an old and very dear friend.

Now, it is with deepest regret that I learned my official schedule will make it impossible for me to keep the engagement. It is a source of great personal disappointment to me, as I know it must be to you, that I must decline your very cordial invitation to be with you, your fellow faculty members and the members of the graduating class on this occasion.

I know you will understand the reasons why I can't be with you, and I hope you will give me a rain check for a visit to the College at some future date.

With warmest personal regards,


Dr. Allan R. Elliott
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P.S. Perhaps next year.
