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April 2, 1946

Mr. Barney Oldfield,
523 No. Redford Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Barney:

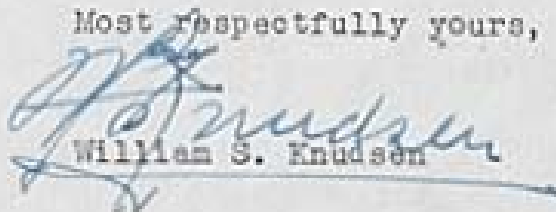
Having been selected general chairman of the Automotive Industry Golden Jubilee Committee, it becomes my pleasant duty to inform you that I have been accorded the honor of inviting your presence at a dinner and reception at which the people of our industry desire to pay tribute to you and many of the other pioneers who played important parts in the early days of the automobile.

This salute to persons like yourself will be offered at a dinner on Friday evening, May 31, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Other events occupying that day and subsequent days will be a parade featuring old cars, a dramatic tableau pointing up high spots in the history of the industry, an antique automobile exposition, etc. The absence of such an outstanding personage of the early days as yourself would detract substantially from the event.

Because I have a strong personal belief that you are amply entitled to whatever expressions of gratitude the American people may wish to accord to you, I am hopeful that you may be able to accept this invitation.

With my warmest personal regards, I am

Most respectfully yours,


William S. Knudsen