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SUGGESTED DRAFT FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE
BOY SCOUT RADIO GREETING,
SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 8th

FELLOW SCOUTS:

Again we celebrate our birthday - this time the twenty-
sixth. Throughout the country we are observing Boy Scout Week in a
series of special celebrations. This is the close of our Silver Jubilee
Year and we have ~~already~~ ^{on our second} started ~~a new~~ quarter of a century in Scouting
history.

I am ~~very~~ proud of the reports that have come to me,
telling how Scout Troops are to celebrate this anniversary. For the
most part, these reports feature an observance during Boy Scout Week
which gives new emphasis to old traditions — service to our country,
service to our neighbors, devotion to the cause of Scouting.

Those of us in Scouting have real cause for satisfaction
~~as pointed out by Mr. [unclear] a few minutes ago.~~ Not only is our member-
ship steadily increasing but our program has wider appeal than ever
before. I am especially happy because of the development of a Senior

Program for older boys and young men. Through this program older Scouts

have an opportunity for adventure and for service. I have learned that

the Scout Alumni plan provides for former Scouts and present Scouts when

they become twenty-one years of age; that it will hold ^{their} ~~the~~ interest ^{in actual Scouting} during

later years, ~~in active Scouting~~ ^{that it will make for} in the betterment of conditions affecting

community life and ^{will} contribute ^{in many ways to} to the good of the Nation as a whole. This

^{is thoroughly} ~~objective is very much~~ worthwhile.

I have always believed in Scout training ^{for} ~~the~~ boys and the young men of our country. ~~Scout training~~ encourages them to get out

into the open, to develop good health habits, to encourage initiative

and resourcefulness. ~~Then, too,~~ ^{It} affords opportunity for a great

variety of useful services. It teaches respect for the law ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{materially} ~~and~~ ^{assists} materially

~~assists~~ in the proper building of character and ^{the} habits of life.

I am delighted that your National Executive Committee has fixed the early summer of 1937 as the period for our Jamboree here in Washington. It was a sad blow to us all when plans for the Jamboree last year had to be cancelled. Let us hope that nothing will interfere

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with our new plans and that the proposed Jamboree will be so successful that it will more than compensate for the disappointments of last year.

And so on this, our twenty-sixth anniversary, I extend to you, one and all, this word of personal greeting; this hope that the year ahead of us will be one of the most successful ever celebrated by our great organization -- the Boy Scouts of America.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.