July 28, 1941.

Dear Mr. Boggess:

I have your letter of July 15 delayed because of a wrong address. I have been ill for some time and have retired to the country, permanently I think.

I like your plan for an organization of old time safety men, out of which, as I understand, you expect to develop an organization for all professional safety engineers. You'll have to keep it alive with young blood because the veterans die off, take to the shelf.

Of course I have no professional standing that would admit me to your group. My relation to the safety movement began with the movement itself. I was writing a book which was published twenty-five years ago under the title "New Ideals In Business." In it I recorded my observations on the safety work already under way in many parts of the country. I went to the first National Conference I think it was and must have made a speech, although I have no notes of it. I watched the growth and every now and then when I had a chance to put in my oar reporting what was doing and urging what seemed to me might be done I did it with zest.

My last appearance and last effort was in 1930 when I talked on the radio. I am sure you'll find a copy of the address in the reports of the National Safety Council for that year. If not, I can lend you my copy if it's any use to you. The title of the talk is "Personal Responsibility for Accidents."

Out of that Conference grew a plan I long had in mind writing an article on the sixth sense in safety. I gathered a good deal of material, but never completed the study. More pressing work and declining strength preventing. It is the latter which prevents my accepting your invitation to the October banquet in Chicago. I wish it were possible, but I am tied to a convalescent chair just now.

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As for joining the organization planned I should doubt if I qualified. However, if you will send me your plan of organization when adopted I'll see if my sense of fitness will allow me to squeeze in.

With very best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. W. Boggess
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