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Clinton, Oneida County, N. Y.,
May 18, 1917.

General Pratt,
Berkeley, Cal.

My dear Sir:

I am the author of the book published by the National Highways Association, Washington and New York, mapping and describing the route from Baltimore to Washington across the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains to the Ohio River at Wheeling. A copy of this, whose specific title is NATIONAL ROAD, was ordered a few weeks ago by the library of the University of California. If interested, I would be glad to send you a copy, or you might care to glance over the one at the University library.

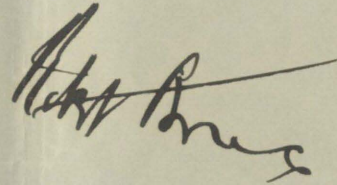
A fair success with this has led the National Highways Association to commission me to bring out a similar book on the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh route, the Pennsylvania division of the Lincoln Highway, and that work is well under way. It has since been decided to run ~~the~~ option from Lancaster to Chambersburg via Harrisburg and Carlisle; and lately I have been gathering the material for that section of the work. In its course, I addressed the Superintendent of the United States Indian School at Carlisle; and received considerable information, as well as a file of recent annual publications.

A few days ago, I wrote the Superintendent suggesting that I might like to run your portrait in the chapter passing through Carlisle, and am now in receipt of a letter giving me your California address. This letter is written from my own office, while the book with your portrait is in my library at home, and I do not recall your initials which are not mentioned in the letter from Carlisle.

^a I would suggest that you might be willing to favor me with ~~the~~ photograph that would make a good reproduction in my book. If so, please address it at your convenience to Robert Bruce, Historian of the National Highways Association, Clinton, Oneida County, N. Y. I will probably in due course engrave this and make an excellent illustration of it.

Awaiting your pleasure and trusting you will let me know
if you would like to have me send you a copy of the NATIONAL ROAD,
I remain,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Bruce", written in a cursive style.

RB/H

FROM
ROBERT BRUCE
CLINTON, ONEIDA COUNTY
NEW YORK

