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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dr. Leo W. Jenkins
President
East Carolina College
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

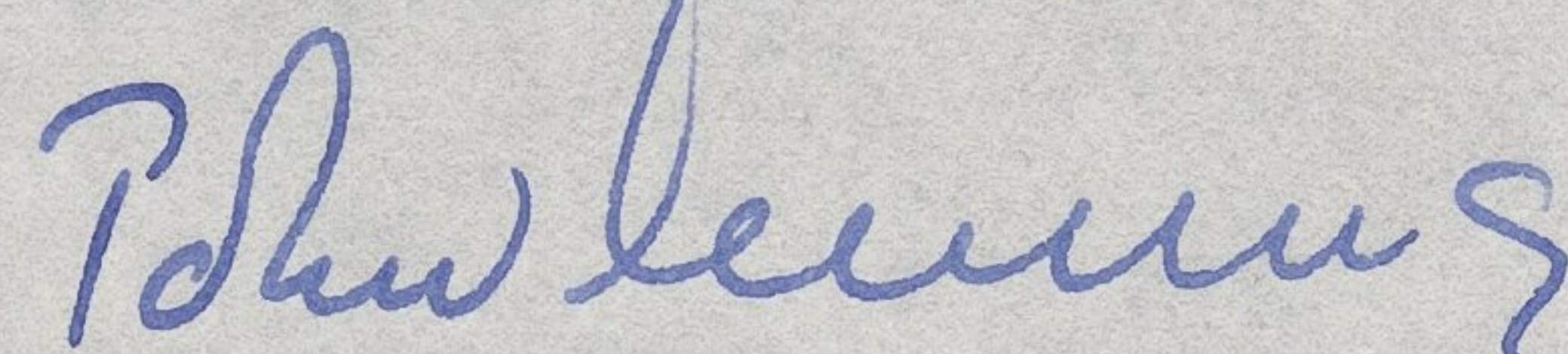
Congressman Bonner has spoken to me concerning your kind invitation for me to speak at the 7th Annual World Affairs Day at East Carolina College.

I certainly appreciate this invitation, but my decision to seek the Democratic nomination for the Presidency makes it necessary for me in the coming months to devote all my time away from Washington to those states in which I am likely to run in the primaries. I regret, therefore, that I must decline your very kind invitation.

I am extremely sorry about this, particularly because of the interest expressed by Congressman Bonner in this invitation.

Thanking you for thinking of me and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



John F. Kennedy

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