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Austin 16, Texas

February 5, 1946

Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Commissioner:

This is to notify you that the initial meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Centennial of Statehood Commission will be held in Austin on Tuesday, February 19, 1946, and will commence with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Sun Room of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

Probably the most important matter coming before the meeting will be the presentation of a long-range program calling for the revitalization of agriculture and the improvement of rural life in Texas. A constructive plan for the achievement of the program has been developed by an eleven-member Planning and Technical Committee of the Commission and will be submitted to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.

You are, of course, aware that February 19th will mark the one-hundredth anniversary of "the last act of the Republic of Texas" -- the lowering of the Lone Star Flag and the raising of the Stars and Stripes over the old State Capitol in Austin. A fitting observance of this climactic historical event is being arranged by the Centennial Commission and the City of Austin and, as a Commissioner, you will receive an invitation within the next few days.

For your information, according to present plans, highlights of the centenary observance include (1) a colorful military parade headed by General Jonathan Wainwright and Texans who served under him at Bataan and Corregidor; (2) a banquet at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel; and (3) a program at 8:30 p.m. at Gregory Gymnasium on the campus of The University of Texas, with General Wainwright as principal speaker. The Gregory Gymnasium program also will include a stage dramatization in costume of the ceremony one hundred years ago which signified the formal entry of Texas into the Union. This program will be broadcast over Texas Quality Network throughout the entire State.

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It will be appreciated if you will advise our Executive Secretary, Col. Paul L. Wakefield, at your earliest opportunity whether or not we may count on your attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors on February 19, at 8:00 a.m., in order that we may make definite arrangements for the breakfast. If you will require hotel accommodations and will so advise Colonel Wakefield immediately, he will make every effort to obtain a reservation for you.

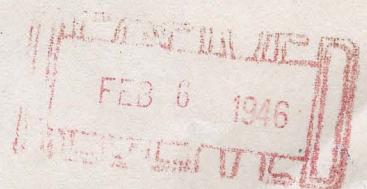
If you find that it will not be possible for you to attend this meeting, will you be good enough to execute and forward to Colonel Wakefield the attached proxy, naming any one of the Austin members of the Board of Directors (see attached list) or myself. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in responding.

I sincerely hope, however, that we may have the pleasure of your company and the benefit of your thinking relative to the Commission's program for contributing to the improvement of agriculture in Texas during the second century of her statehood.

Sincerely

Karl Hoblitzelle
Karl Hoblitzelle, Chairman

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