

October 11, 1937.

Honorable Harlee Branch,
Second Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harlee:

We in Fort Worth fully appreciate the fact that you have, in a very brief space of time, built a wonderful Air Mail Service. I am sure that you know that the people of Fort Worth have been tremendously interested in Aviation and have endeavored in every way possible to assist in its development. We are proud of the fact that you have given us an Air Mail Field Post Office, and that it ranks third in the United States.

You are thoroughly familiar with the facts insofar as our airport is concerned and the improvements that have been made thereon. At the moment we know of no improvements needed to properly and adequately care for all of the business of this nature that can come to us. We are, however, deeply concerned with reference to certain other features, which I shall mention somewhat briefly:

As stated above, we have provided every possible facility and comfort for air passengers. Our field is only six miles from the heart of the City and the Post Office, located on an excellent highway and under prevailing traffic conditions, is only distant some 12 to 15 minutes. This, of course, makes possible ready connections with outgoing trains for the airmail. No City in the State has better train connections than Fort Worth.

We have, however, from time to time, been somewhat disturbed by changes that have occurred and by statements that have been published in papers in another City. Please understand that we are not making a fight on any one, but we are exceedingly interested in our own City and greatly hope that nothing will be found necessary that would be detrimental to it. We expect, in the future, as in the past, to keep alive to the development of aviation and to provide any needed facilities and improvements that may be come necessary.

Meanwhile, let me call attention to the fact that the Delta Air Lines no longer operate into Fort Worth. I cannot but feel that this line should come here - certainly for trips 1 and 2. At one time, we had this service but it was discontinued. I sincerely believe that the suggested extension would be a material improvement for all classes of air business. Certainly a passenger should not be required to start on an air journey of possibly 1,000 miles or more and be required to transfer after flying only 12 minutes. Surely, there would be some advantage to the airmail service if the extension were made.

Recently, Braniff Airways, Inc., trip 3 from Chicago has been routed from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Dallas, Texas, and terminated there. No objection is made to the trip ending at Dallas, but we do feel that it should follow the regular lighted airway to Fort Worth; then, if desired, go on to Dallas. A passenger for Fort Worth or for a train connection at Fort Worth is seriously inconvenienced by this arrangement, and the air mail service must be somewhat impaired as well.

Your favorable consideration of the above matters will be greatly appreciated, and we sincerely hope that you will see the merit of these suggestions. In a nut shell, if you cannot help us, don't help the bear.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

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