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Hon. Amon G. Carter,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Several days ago an editorial from the Fort Worth Star Telegram, came to me through the mail. In this editorial your paper paid high tribute to Senator Tom Connally as a World Statesman.

This was addressed to me as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Our committee passed a ringing endorsement of Senator Connally's services at its meeting recently at Austin. I am personally in hearty agreement with your able editorial.

Senator Connally's skill in legislative matters, his soundness of political philosophy, his position of seniority on committees and particularly his chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee at the most important and critical moment in the history of America, when her relations to the world are so important, combine to make his services well nigh indispensable.

It was my privilege to have lived in Fort Worth as a young lawyer. Early in my career I served a while as Justice of the Peace. I have always watched your work in the newspaper business with a great deal of interest and pride.

A few years ago my son, Phil Peden, went with a Geophysical crew to explore for oil in New Guinea. His boat docked at Macassar on the Island of Celebes on the way over. Being a lonesome youngster he went over to look at a world map on the wall of the hotel lobby and of course his eyes fell on Texas, and there at Dallas some travelling salesman had written "The finest town in the world". Thirty miles west, an honest and courageous Texas had written "Baloney, Cow Town is the best." My son wrote: "Here on the other side of the world I found a disciple of Amon G. Carter."

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

RFP:AD

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