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September 19, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I wrote to Senator Tom Connally. You will note I took the liberty of referring to your wire of March 28, 1944, which you so kindly sent on my behalf. Again let me thank you.

Incidentally, the thoughts expressed in my letter to Mr. Connally were not necessarily mine alone--but the sentiments of many of the boys here in the Service. I hope you will agree the suggestion is worthy of some thought.

Any suggestions or advice on this will be greatly appreciated. I shall be forever indebted to you for past favors and if there is ever a time that in any way I can be of any service to you, please let me know. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Carriher

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United States Senate
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Honorable Mr. Connally:

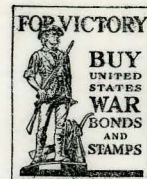
It is my understanding that the government is now turning to the tremendous task of liquidating its surplus equipment and stores. Few people realize the number of servicemen and ex-servicemen who are extremely desirous of purchasing some of this merchandise.

Forty per cent of men coming out of the Service have hopes of establishing themselves in some sort of business. Many have extremely large financial backing while others range from a few hundred to five and six thousand dollars. The majority of these boys deserve all the help they can get.

There will be more loans to servicemen guaranteed by the G I Bill of Rights for the purpose of purchasing homes and going into business than for any other reason. The money which is borrowed to finance a business will, in many cases, be used to purchase merchandise identical with the items which the government wishes to liquidate.

Why should the government agencies sell this merchandise to jobbers for a ridiculously low price when the jobber will, in turn, resell the merchandise to these fellows going into business at current market prices or higher and have the purchase price, directly or indirectly, guaranteed by the government?

It is with the hopes of affiliating myself with this job that I am writing you. My qualifications and past experience are borne out in a wire sent you from Mr. Amon Carter on March 28, 1944. This wire was sent on my behalf in an effort to place me in a navy department somewhat kindred to my line of work. If you will be so kind as to withdraw this wire from your files, I believe it will assure you of my ability and



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desire to get into this branch of work. Should you no longer have a copy of this wire, please wire me at my expense and I will provide you with one.

I believe you will receive unlimited support should you propose to suggest a system that would not only expedite the liquidation of surplus goods, but also give the service boys an even break on purchasing them. An even break is all they ask--no concessions.

I have not dealt with my qualifications or experience in this letter. Mr. Carter's wire will, I am sure, suffice. Should you wish additional information and references, I shall be glad to oblige.

It will be greatly appreciated if you would advise me of department and procedure for entering my application. Any help you will give me on this matter will be appreciated and respected. Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F.A.S." with a stylized flourish.

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c/c to Mr. Amon G. Carter