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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Honorary Chairman, National Convention
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Dear Mr. Carter:

As we are progressing beyond the planning state and into the working state of our national convention which is to be here on September 28, 29 and 30, it seems appropriate to submit to you, as Honorary Chairman, a brief resummae of accomplishments to date.

The National Council of the Air Reserve Association in Washington, D. C. is responsible for the selection and invitation of speakers and for the organizing of the business agenda for the convention. We, the host chapter, may suggest names of speakers and recommend business topics to the National Headquarters in Washington. We have made recommendations and the deadline for such submissions has not been reached. Most important, we want to second all speaker invitations from the National Council with our own Fort Worth invitations. We believe that you will heartily agree.

The National Council has to date invited Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, new Secretary for Air in the Department of National Defense, Mr. Stuart Symington, new Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and General Hoyt Vandenburg, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, to speak at our convention. We hope that we get them.

The undersigned was told by the USAF's Public Relations Officers in the Pentagon in Washington the first of April that General Vandenburg never attended local or regional affairs but that he liked to attend meetings having national representation whenever he possibly could. The PRO office further said that if General Vandenburg were invited by Mr. Amon Carter, the chances were very good that he would attend. If, of course, he doesn't have to appear before Congressional Committees at that time.

The Fort Worth Chapter believes that our chances of obtaining these outstanding National Defense people for our convention would be increased manyfold by our own follow-up invitation to each of them by our National Convention Honorary Chairman. Mr. Symington, and General Vandenburg were invited by letters dated June 12, 1950, and signed by General J. Lafeton Whitney, National ARA President, copies of which are in our file. Mr. Finletter was decided upon in April by the National Officers of the ARA but we have no copy of his invitation.

We, the Fort Worth Chapter, as host are primarily responsible for entertainment, housing and local transportation. Of these, entertainment is the most complicated to arrange. We have a firm committment from Mr. Ray O. Ryan of Convair to permit the convention delegates to attend a luncheon at the plant and to tour the premises during one day. We have tentatively selected Friday, September 29, for this feature event.

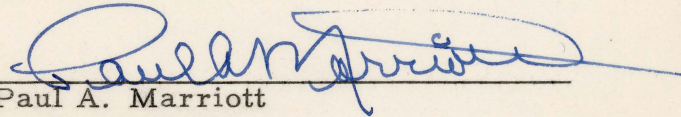
We tentatively plan for a cocktail party and welcome to the delegates at the Texas Wednesday evening before the convention officially convenes. National committee meetings and registration of delegates will have been completed. Saturday evening is filled by a big ARA Rally at Will Rogers Auditorium.

Thursday and Friday evenings are not definitely planned as yet. We are investigating the cost and other details of a small rodeo and barbecue for one of those nights some place and an open air buffet on the lawn at the Boat Club with some stage entertainment for the other night. However, our plans are not set for these events and any suggestion which you would care to make would certainly be appreciated. We must report on our budget and agenda for the convention at a meeting of the National Council

in Salt Lake City on July 1st and 2nd, which dates are right on top of us. We expect to have a real Texas-style convention and know that we will have fifty to sixty generals as well as members of the Congress and civilian representatives of the Department of National Defense. The business sessions, six in all, will be of interest to every air-minded person present and a great deal will be done for the Air Force and for the Air Force Reserve in particular.

Yours for a greater Air Force and Air Reserve Assn.

Respectfully,



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