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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 18, 1951

Honorable Amon G. Carter, President
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Amon:

Your letter of May 14 is at hand, and I have read what you say regarding Mr. John W. Holland and your interest in his being designated as District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Antonio when the incumbent in that office retires. I understand the vacancy will occur early in the Fall.

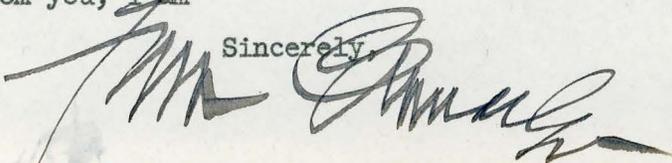
Others have written me about Mr. Holland, and I am sure from what you and they say he is deserving of every consideration and is fully qualified. However, this is not a patronage position in which I have any appointive authority. It is a departmental position which will be filled on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Immigration to the Attorney General.

I find that there are several other candidates for the post, and of course each is stimulating his friends to write in his behalf. I have been in touch with the Commissioner of Immigration about the matter and he assures me that the records of the various candidates will be carefully examined and that it is his desire to see that the best qualified man is appointed to the post.

About all I can say at this time is that I shall hold your letter on file in the event I am consulted about the matter. I am afraid that unless the friends are able to center on one candidate that there may be a disposition on the part of the Commissioner in order to avoid a controversy to select someone from the Service outside of the State. As I understand it he does not necessarily have to choose a Texan or one in the Service in the State but may choose from the entire Service, if deemed best.

With personal good wishes and assurances that I am always glad to hear from you, I am

Sincerely,



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