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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December 22, 1940.

Senator Morris Sheppard,
Texarkana, Texas.

Dear Senator:

Enclosed, herewith, you will find copy of a telegram sent to Assistant Secretary of War Patterson, by B. B. Stone, President of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, urging Fort Worth for the selection of the Consolidated's plant; also a copy of a wire from Elliott Roosevelt to General Watson, Secretary to the President. Incidentally, Elliott and I will talk to General Watson Monday morning over the 'phone following the receipt by General Watson of Elliott's wire.

I, also, enclose a copy of a telegram I am sending to Mr. Knudsen and, for your confidential information, I am enclosing a copy of the Consolidated Aircraft's recommendation in behalf of Fort Worth's selection for this plant signed by C. A. Van Dusen, Vice-President in charge of Operations, and approved by Major R. H. Fleet, President of the Consolidated.

In addition, I am wiring Van Dusen asking the Major to send a strong wire to General Brett Monday advising him that the report will be in his hands on that date and again strongly urging Fort Worth as the most logical location for this plant. Meanwhile, Mr. William Holden, General Manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, is sending you complete briefs, maps and all the details to your Washington office by airmail, which will be their prior to your arrival Friday.

It might not be amiss, if you feel disposed to do so, to wire both Mr. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, and, as stated, the President strongly urging that they do not definitely close up this matter until you have had an opportunity to present Fort Worth's plea. As previously stated, there will be four plants which will leave one other to be located - probably the Douglas plant. You will note in our telegram that we have recommended that the War Department, if they do intend to establish another plant, give it to Tulsa and permit the Consolidated to come to Fort Worth which they feel is the

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logical location. The reason I am urging you to send this additional wire to the Assistant Secretary of War and to the President is for fear that, notwithstanding they have told you, they might close this matter up before you arrive in Washington. Therefore, the additional wire to Mr. Patterson and the President might be extremely important.

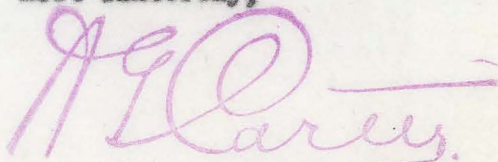
Naturally, I regret the necessity of burdening you with a matter of this kind, but it is of extreme importance to Fort Worth. We have, beyond any question of a doubt, the most logical site, as indicated in Mr. Van Dusen's report, and I am sure that no other city can make a stronger presentation of its case than has been presented by Fort Worth.

The land involved embraces about 1200 acres, out of which we would give the Government in fee 400 acres, at a cost of about \$300.00 an acre to the city, and give them a lease, for as long as they desire, on 800 acres adjoining it, to be used as a field, at a nominal fee of \$1.00 a year.

Please consider all of this information confidential, especially the Consolidated's report to General Brett as we are anxious to relieve the Consolidated of any embarrassment in permitting us to have a copy of their report. It seems unthinkable that the Government will turn down the recommendation of the Consolidated, who, after all, are having to operate the plant and should be accorded the Government's acquiescence in their recommendations.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your vigorous efforts without which we will have no chance, I remain

Most sincerely,



AGC.KD