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14 January 1941.

Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Amon:

Undoubtedly you have noticed in the newspapers that the Ford party, headed by Mr. Edsel Ford and Mr. Sorensen, visited our plant in San Diego and also the Douglas plant in Santa Monica.

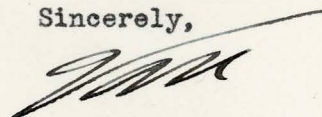
The plans for the cooperative manufacture of B-24 airplanes by the three companies are progressing at a satisfactory rate. There are a number of Ford engineers stationed at our plant now studying the problem. You probably realize that this study will require some little time because of the enormous technical problem involved in determining in detail the plan of manufacturing cooperation.

We find ourselves unable to proceed with the plant lay-out or to enter into contractual relations with the Air Corps covering the establishment of the plant until such time as the three companies are in agreement in regard to the program; the plan is approved by the Air Corps and we have prepared preliminary floor plan lay-outs and estimates of cost of construction.

Please be assured there is no unnecessary delay in the program which is proceeding with the utmost dispatch in consideration of the nature of the problem.

Kindest regards to yourself and associates at Fort Worth.

Sincerely,



C. A. Van Dusen

cc Mr. Wm. Holden

