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FORTWORTH HAS EXTENDED INVITATION TO CAPTAIN GALLAGHER AND HIS CREW  
TO RETURN FOR OFFICIAL HOMECOMING WELCOME CELEBRATION HERE AS STARTING  
POINT AND TERMINUS OF THEIR HISTORIC FLIGHT STOP WILL APPRECIATE YOUR  
APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATE CIVIC HONORS TO LUCKY LADY II FLIERS INCLUDING  
AERONAUTICAL ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY AND INDIVIDUAL MEDALS STOP BY ALL MEANS  
HOPE BOTH OF YOU CAN BE PRESENT ON DATE MUTUALLY SUITABLE TO YOU,  
GENERAL RAMEY, CAPTAIN GALLAGHER AND CREW STOP DEFINITE PLANS IN  
ABEYANCE PENDING ADVICE FROM YOU AND SUGGEST SOME DATE AFTER MARCH 21  
TO PERMIT TIME FOR APPROPRIATE MEDALS TO BE STRUCK STOP WE ARE ANXIOUS  
FOR FORTWORTH TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING FIRST TO HONOR THESE  
GREAT AIRMEN FOR THEIR EPOCHAL ACHIEVEMENT STOP CORDIAL REGARDS

AMON G. CARTER

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