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My dear Mr. Carter:

In the morning mail I received three photographs that were pleasant reminders of my interesting visit with you and the Lucky Lady II crew - to say nothing of the very interesting banquet and soiree Mrs. Schaefer and I enjoyed on April 7. Your thoughtfulness in sending me these pictures is very much appreciated. I have quite a collection of pictures and these will be valuable additions.

Recently a friend of mine sent me a very thought provoking letter put out by the National Economic Council Incorporated. I immediately obtained extra copies of this Letter for I wanted the reaction of some of my friends after they had read it. I have gone through two wars - one on the fighting front and one on the industrial front. My only son was a fighter pilot in World War II. Surely someday, somehow, we are going to have to meet this problem face to face. The Economic Council Letter on the Atlantic Pact does this to a degree and suggests that we spend more of our time, effort and substance in making our way of life work, then carry a big stick to protect that way of life.

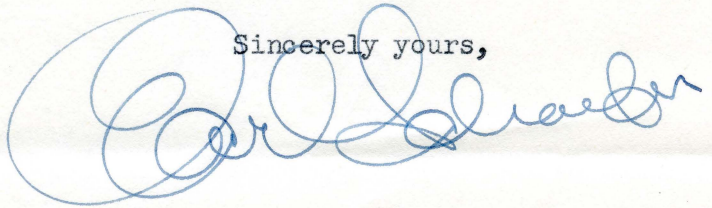
Frankly, that is what I have always thought I was doing in building up our current aircraft program. I have felt all along that Air Power is Peace Power. Unless and until we do something about this situation we stand to spend ourselves into bankruptcy and lay our economy wide open to the very thing we are supposed to be fighting. When you know the cost of one B-36 or B-47, you very soon begin to realize that this is expensive business and can't go on forever. I think as much of Wichita as you do of Fort Worth. We both want to see our communities prosper and we want to do everything we can to make

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our contribution toward Air Power as Peace Power, but there is a day of reckoning coming and towns like Fort Worth and Wichita, now prosperous and doing more than their part in the Air Power program, will find themselves with real problems if our present trend carries us in any direction but war. All of this is of real concern to me and it must be to you.

Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness, and with the best of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. I am sending Bill Holden some very interesting clippings concerning a recent meeting at Eureka, Kansas, where Roger Babson outlined his plans for promoting "the Magic Circle area" and suggesting that Bill discuss these clippings with you for the area definitely includes north Texas.

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