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

My dear Amon:

I am in receipt of your of May 10 enclosing clipping from the Forth Worth Star-Telegram which tells the story of the inauguration of air mail service between Fort Worth and Chicago; also Harris M. Hanshue's prediction that Fort Worth and Los Angeles will soon have direct air mail service. It seems to me that the nature of the country conspires to make the southern route more practical for the transportation of air mail between the Pacific Coast and eastern points than the route now established between Los Angeles, San Francisco and the east. The low altitude of flying that would be practical by the southern route to my inexperienced mind seems less hazardous, easier and cheaper in operation and geographically more practical than the routes farther north where the high altitude flying in the Rocky Mountain region will always be hazardous and be accompanied by extra hazard. "High flying" as you must know both from experience and observation is invariably fraught with multitudinous dangers and draw backs, whether it has to do with air mail and airplanes or not. Ultimately all traffic, trade and travel goes along the lines of least resistance, - in other words, nobody who wants to make time swims up stream against a current when he can swim in still water or go along with the current. Holding this view, it seems to me inevitable that ultimately the airplane routes will naturally in the end avoid the high altitudes.

If the "air mail" development goes forward as now seems probable a regular service between the Pacific Coast and Texas and thence eastward should soon be a permanent thing. Local railway lines and in some cases air service could bring the mail from norther and southern points to the main line and thus will the whole country air mail service be ultimately organized.

We missed you at the publishers' meetings this year, and I am sure you missed out in not being able to be there in order that you might absorb the practical newspaper wisdom that is always on tap there for the benefit of the newspapers and newspaper publishers of the country.

I am glad to learn that you are still in the oil game. I hope that you will have no end of good luck. I was in the business for 20 years, but when my associate, who was the practical oil man, died I didn't feel qualified to carry on and so sold out to the Shell Company. Myself and associates, who originally put into the business only \$25,000 sold our

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Mr. Amon G. Carter.

property after 20 years of effort for six millions, which was only about half of what it was actually worth at the time. I hope and expect that you with your customary energy and habit of achieving success will do a great deal better than we did.

Incidentally, I am serving notice on you that while Californians hope that progress and wealth may come to Texas as a result of the oil business that we do not intend that the "Lone Star State" shall wrest from us the leadership in oil production.

Your statement that business is good in Texas is certainly gratifying to me, as it will be to all Californians because when the great "Lone Star State" is prosperous it always causes a great number of her citizens to visit southern California and so we participate in and share in your prosperity.

With kindest regards and thanks for your good letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Chandler

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