

November 5, 1934.

Mr. C. R. Smith, President,
American Airlines, Inc.,
Municipal Airport,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear C. R.:

Enclosed, herewith, find a copy of Monday Morning's Star-Telegram, carrying a front page story of the record flight, Los Angeles, Fort Worth, Chicago. I am also sending extra clippings and would suggest that you send one to both E. L. and Lou.

I tried to get Dr. Walker and Dr. McKnight to make the trip from Fort Worth to Chicago with me and they were unable to leave, so I gave up the trip after I heard you were in Washington and would not be in Chicago.

Mayor Jarvis, Jack Duncan and Mr. Weaver had never been up before. They all enjoyed the trip, however the Mayor did get sick.

I wired Mr. Will Rogers and gave him the complete record of the trip and asked him to give us a hand, however, as you know, he only does things when he is in the mood and he may or may not mention it. Naturally, I am delighted with these new ships and I am extremely anxious to see your schedules worked out where you can pick up a substantial amount of coast to coast business. While, no doubt, you have figured all these things out, would it be possible to run the Douglas through to Cincinnati and to Washington by way of Charleston, pending completion of your lighting system and fields from Nashville to Washington?

All of your friends are delighted with your new setup and I know you are going to do a bully job. It is a question of buckling down, working like hell and keeping on your toes every minute. Naturally, you may have some opposition from the friends of the previous management, however I consider you smart enough to handle these things in the "christian spirit" and get all of the gang lined up and in behind you, avoiding anyone else trying to get out ahead of you.

Meanwhile, we all miss you personally in Fort Worth. McNit has not won a domino game since you left. He has had a few teas, special friends "pouring." As soon as you get everything lined up and straightened out in good shape, we hope you can drop by for a game of dominoes and an extra shirt. General Evans is scheduled to be down here on the 13th, of November. We will have a directors meeting at Shady Oak Farm. If you should find it possible to fly in anywhere near that time we will be delighted to have you with us.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely,

AGC, KD