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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

September 3, 1948

Mr. W. O. Jones, City Manager
City of Fort Worth
City Hall
Fort Worth, Texas

Subject: Proposal Regarding CAA acquisition of aviation gasoline and oil at
Meacham Field

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is respectfully requested that this Civil Aeronautics Administration Regional Office be permitted to enter into a direct contract with the City of Fort Worth for our aviation gasoline and oil requirements at Meacham Field, and that the terms of such contract permit us to obtain our fuel requirements from the City of Fort Worth tank trucks at more favorable prices than now charged us by the City. As an alternative, it is requested that we be granted an exemption from the present requirement that our aviation fuels at Meacham Field be purchased direct from the City of Fort Worth. In the latter case, we would utilize our CAA tank wagon and purchase our fuel requirements direct from a major oil company under the terms of existing federal contracts.

This request is presented by reason of the following facts:

- (a) The 4th Regional CAA Office with headquarters at Fort Worth owns and operates a small fleet of aircraft, and in addition operates a small number of aircraft under rental contracts from certain commercial operators based at Meacham Field. These aircraft make frequent trips to and from Meacham Field, such flights being purely in the interests of fostering and promoting the safety of aviation.
- (b) Prices for aviation gasoline and oil dispensed by the City at Meacham Field are considerably in excess of gasoline and oil prices which would be available to the CAA under federal contracts with certain major oil companies.
- (c) The fiscal 1949 appropriation for maintenance and operation of CAA aircraft and the hire of aircraft is sharply limited. In the establishment of such appropriation consideration was given to the availability of aviation fuel at federal contract prices. Evaluated against the City's existing prices for fuels, our appropriation is reduced below our service requirements.

Should the City of Fort Worth be agreeable to entering into a direct contract with CAA under which we could purchase our aviation fuel requirements at favorable prices, or should the City permit us to purchase our fuel requirements under federal contract from a major oil company by utilizing a CAA gasoline fuel truck, the resulting savings in aviation fuel costs could greatly relieve our budgetary limitations and enable us to perform additional flight hours with both our own and rented aircraft.

We we have previously indicated, it is our feeling that in granting such a fuel privilege the City would not be establishing a precedent since most of the gasoline

consumers at Meacham Field are in the aviation business for a profit whereas this administration is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering and promoting the safety of aviation.

We strongly urge your consideration of our problem and the granting of either of the requested privileges. If you desire, we shall be glad to meet with you and present our case in greater detail and to furnish your office with any required additional facts or information.

Sincerely yours,

L. C. Elliott
Regional Administrator