

CITY OF CLARENDON

JOE F. JONES, MAYOR

CLARENDON, TEXAS

July 28, 1950.

Mr. Amon G. Carter,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

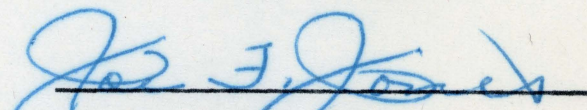
I understand you are working with Mr. Elliott of CAA on keeping out light line beacons from being discontinued. And I thought you perhaps would like to have a little information on our set up here at Clarendon.

We have been one of the oldest range stations and intermediate fields in the Panhandle of Texas. Our station was de-commissioned the middle of June. We were notified fifteen days before the de-commissioning. Naturally on such notice there were very few steps we could take. During the interim I saw Mr. Elliott and was able to retain the light and watch house on the field. We were to have two weather observations a day phoned to Amarillo to be put on the circuit, but when contacted and we agreed to furnish personell, the weather bureau wanted us to also pay the phone calls, and we could not afford to do so. In fact the City is leasing the Field for \$1,000.00 per year and is also paying for lighting the field while deriving no revenue from the Airport. Of course while the communication station was here we derived some revenue from Airport indirectly, and felt and still feel the airport is an asset to the City. However our main contention is the definite need for a communication and weather station here. We have here in a short radius of Clarendon, a drop and raise in elevation which causes us to have flying hazards due to a difference in the waether between here and Childress, and here and Amarillo.

We, only two days ago, had a plane grounded here due to hitting weather here, and the pilot was given the clear at both Childress and Amarillo.

Again thanking you for anything you can do for us forgotten private flyers.

Yours very truly,



Joe F. Jones, Mayor,

City of Clarendon, Texas.

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