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Abilene, Texas
1125 Cypress Street
Jan. 1, 1934

Mr. Webb Maddix, Industrialist, &
Chairman of Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation, Inc.
Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Sir,

In making inquiry as to whether gifts or donations made to the Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation--which was granted a 50 year charter to preserve President Eisenhower's birthplace--we wanted to know if such gifts would be exempt or deductible for purpose of Federal Income Tax? A local Internal Revenue agent stated that it would be necessary for us to send a copy of the charter and also copy of the by-laws of said organization to: Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D.C. and ask him to give us a prompt ruling in this case.

As you know, we in Abilene, do not have such copies, but we are asking that you attach copy of both the charter and by-laws to this letter and forward same by air-mail to: Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D.C. This being a non-profit and worthy undertaking, we had felt that such deduction might be possible, and if so, would like to inform the people immediately through the press.

Several women of our city had said they would like to give something to the Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation --one gift being in the amount of \$25.00; but did not know to whom ^{same} it should be turned that it might go as a gift from the city of Abilene. With the conviction that there are many others in our city who would like to have a part in this, the matter was presented to Mayor Gatlin of Abilene, who agreed to accept any and all contributions to such a fund and forward same to you as chairman of the Foundation.

Alphabetically--Abilene, comes first in the cities of our state. And the further fact that "Abilene" is the namesake of the town where President Eisenhower grew up--it is fitting that in this first month of the New Year our town should take the initiative in giving honor to whom honor is due, by helping in the establishment and preservation of a park at the birthplace of, not only a great United States general but also, the first United States president of which the State of Texas can boast. We trust that the people in each and every other town in our state that begins with "A" will feel impressed to fall in line; then the "B's" and "C's"--on down through towns beginning with "Z" --with every city, town and village in our state having a part--even though it be a small part, in this noble undertaking. If we do this, we can have a park worthy of national recognition.

The state of Texas IS PROUD to have a man in the White House. Let's express that appreciation in a tangible way!

Sincerely

Frances John (Mrs. A. John)

cc. Foundation committee members: Sid W. Richardson, Ft Worth oilman; Amen G. Carter Sr. Ft. Worth; Houston Harte, San Angelo; and Fred Conn, publisher of the Denison Herald.