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June 10, 1954
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Mr. Donald V. Fraser, President
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Company
1506 Railway Exchange Building
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. Fraser:

On October 19, 1953, which was President Eisenhower's birthday, the EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE FOUNDATION, INC., was granted a charter by the Secretary of State of Texas under laws permitting the formation of corporations without capital stock for cultural, educational, historical and similar purposes. The specific purpose of the Foundation is to acquire the house at Denison, Texas, where President Eisenhower was born and appropriate surrounding land for a beautiful small park in order to preserve this historic site. The project, when completed, will be presented to the people of the State of Texas.

Mr. Web Maddox, Treasurer of the Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation, has given me a map showing, outlined in green, the property owned by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, which should fit into this program. According to the records two lots and parts of two others, shaded in red on this map, are owned by the M. K. & T. Doubtless, you have better and more complete maps and records in your office than we are able to provide. Although Mr. Maddox has given you the details, I would like to supplement his letter with the hope that you will be able to help us in rounding out the tracts of land necessary for the rehabilitation of the Eisenhower birthplace.

We are going to raise sufficient funds for this rehabilitation program from among President Eisenhower's friends. We have purchased a number of lots, buildings and homes at a very nominal figure. If the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad feels disposed to contribute the lots, make a long term lease, or sell at a very reasonable price, we would appreciate it very much.

The officers of the Foundation are Sid W. Richardson, Chairman; the writer, President; Web Maddox, Treasurer, all of Fort Worth; and, Houston Harte, President of the San Angelo Standard Times, Vice-President, and Fred Conn, Publisher of the Denison Herald, Secretary.

Mr. Maddox has been waiting on me for several months to write this letter. However, this is the first time I have been in the office to dictate letters for over a year. I hope you will give this matter your careful consideration, and that you will find it consistent to go along with us on this program.

Yours very truly,

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