

WEB MADDOX  
301 EAST MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
3 August 1954

Mr. Amon G. Carter, President,  
Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation,  
Fort Worth, Texas,

Dear Mr. Carter,

Inclosed herewith for your signature a note dated July 29, 1954 in the principal sum of \$23,000 due in 90 days from date and payable to the Fort Worth National Bank. The note is a combination of three: one for \$10,000 originally dated February 15 signed by you and myself, one for \$5,000 dated May 28 signed by Mr. Richardson and myself and a third for \$8,000 dated July 22 signed by you and myself. And I also inclose for your signature a check in amount of \$40.66 to the Bank for interest up to July 29, 1954. The Bank has charged us no interest on the original \$10,000 as I told you at the time.

It now appears that we have sufficient money on hand (or expended) for most of the property we will want with three exceptions. These you will note on the inclosed map. The green portions are acquired or in course of acquisition except for the Birthplace. The title of the Birthplace is now in the City of Denison and the understanding is that the City will transfer it to the Foundation when requested to do so. The other exceptions are indicated in red. Nos. 1 and 2 are apparently owned by the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company but it is going to require a trip to Denison to be certain of the fact and correct description. This I hope to do soon and when I have the necessary information I will send it to you with a suggested letter to Mr. Vollmer. No. 3 is a triangular tract known as "Jacob's Well". On it is an old "hotel" which is about to fall down. The owner is eccentric--to state it politely--and is entirely unreasonable. The hotel is an "eyesore" and we could use the space for a parking area for visitors; and, furthermore, if we had it we could ask the City to close Lamar Street from the MK&T Crossing to Shepherd Street. But we may have to make other plans. The details of acquiring most of the property from negroes (in some cases a little matter of marriage was neglected) and from white people have involved many headaches. The encouraging thing, though, is that a great many people have given their time and talent without charge. However, I think we should pay the lawyers in Denison a nominal fee. They have done a great deal of detail work.

Joe Pelich has accepted the job of restoring the birthplace. He wrote to Mr. A.S. Briggs, head of the Texas Fire Prevention and Engineering Bureau who offered his expert services in designing fire prevention and protection measures, that he was very proud of the assignment. So I hope Joe's fee will be taken in pride. Mr. Briggs, by the way, went to Williamsburg, Virginia, where a major "restoration" program has been done, in order to be fully informed on such matters.

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I would like to call your attention to the fact that the inclosed map is not entirely accurately and there may be some corners of two lots that we may have to by-pass.

I am inclosing a self-address envelope for return of the note and check. And I have even put a stamp on it.

Sincerely yours,



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cc/Mr. Sid W. Richardson, Chairman of the Board

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