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Mr. Amon G. Carter, Publisher, The Star-Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Greetings from Galveston, and at the same time, a big basket full of congratulations on your fine new plant. I really wish we had something even closely akin to it in Galveston.

Mr. Carter, I just hung up the telephone following a conversation with our Congressman, Clark W. Thompson, in Washington, over the visit of General Eisenhower to Texas in December.

This conversation was the outgrowth of a program visualized by myself while in Ft. Worth three weeks ago during an inspection of your plant with Bert Honea. I learned that the General would be in Texas for several days, and since we had him engaged two years ago for our annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, only to lose out when complications developed at Columbia University, I thought it well to make another attempt to bring him here. Mr. Thompson talked with the General and he said he would be most happy to visit Galveston for my proposed joint luncheon program of all civic clubs in the city, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.

However, the General suggested that it would be better if I presented our plan to you and Mr. Richardson for approval since you men are his host for the visit to Texas. The General said that his trip to St. Joseph's Island is scheduled for December 8th. He will be in Houston on December 6th and he would like to come to Galveston for the luncheon meeting on the 8th, flying direct from here to the Island reservation.

These suggestions were all made by the General to Mr. Thompson on the basis of a long time intimate friendship and also because of his inability to appear here two years ago. We are most enthusiastic over the prospects of having the General, and I sincerely hope that you and Mr. Richardson will find it possible to let us have him for the very brief visit. If it is necessary, we will provide the transportation to St. Joseph's or back to Ft. Worth or to any place you may suggest.

I know you are the busiest man in Texas these days, or at least pretty close to the busiest, but we would be most happy to have you join the General in his visit to Galveston. You have friends here who would welcome an opportunity to visit with you, including the writer.

Looking forward with enthusiasm and hope to your suggestions about our plans, I am

Very sincerely yours,

DCL:jb

P.S. Here's a double fisted salute to the fine job you and your organization did on that special edition yesterday. It really made the Dallas News special edition look like a piker.

