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General Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President, Columbia University  
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My dear General:

Pursuant to our discussion with you during your recent visit in Fort Worth, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith two checks for your American Assembly Fund; one for \$15,000 from Sid Richardson, and one for \$10,000 from Amon Carter. This is a great work you are carrying on, and if followed through and supported by liberal, patriotic citizens sufficiently to enable you to carry out the program in its entirety, it will be a blessing to our country and humanity in general.

Mrs. Carter and I have just returned from Los Angeles, where I attended the American Petroleum Institute meeting, and heard some very fine, constructive talks, copies of two of which I am enclosing herewith. They are long, but are both worth reading.

Reese Taylor, President of the Union Oil Company of California, spoke on "Big Business," and placed an entirely new light on that which is generally understood by the public. He showed the growth of his own company, as well as the growth of the industry, indicating that although they have grown from a \$12,000,000 annual to almost \$300,000,000, they still do not control as large a percentage of the market in general as they did in the minor amount.

Barney Majewsky's talk on Communism, America, etc., was an inspiring address, well delivered, for which he received a great ovation.

I only wish it were possible for the speech you made at A. & M. College, and Reese Taylor's speech in Los Angeles to have been read or heard by everyone in the United States.



On our trip to Los Angeles we had the pleasure of riding in the Amon G. Carter Sleeping Car. Incidentally, General Atterbury named the car after me eighteen years ago, and recently they have replaced the old one with a new, modern car, which will be on the Pennsylvania fast train between St. Louis and Chicago, so I will be glad to have you "spend the night with me" any time you are on this run.

We spent a great deal of time with Ruth and Fred in Los Angeles and, as usual, had an enjoyable time. Fred was on the A.P.I. program; however, I was forced to miss his speech, which was made before the Traffic Department of the petroleum industry simultaneously with the Directors' meeting, of which I am a member, and felt obligated to attend.

It was a pleasure to have you with us in Fort Worth, even though for only a short visit. We made a lot of very nice, interesting pictures, which we have sent to you, including one showing you carefully examining the super duper near-diamond watch. I carried one of them to Los Angeles with me, and it made quite a hit, some of my friends thinking momentarily that it was a real diamond watch. It will keep good time if you will wind it up occasionally; however, it is not a "self starter."

The Air Service Post #501 of the American Legion is generously conferring upon me the eleventh annual Frank Hawks Award in New York on Tuesday, December 5. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg will make the presentation. You and Colonel Schulz will receive invitations, and as it will be a stag party and will not keep you up very late, I hope that if at all possible you will attend, as nothing would please me more than to have you present.

Sid and little Sid left for the Island today to spend Thanksgiving. Senator Lyndon Johnson and Sam Rayburn spent four or five days on the island with him last week.

The Colonel tells me that I am to receive one of your hats for my collection at the Club. If it has not already left, I hope you will enclose a



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card to be attached in the hat, as I am going to have a special case made for all of these hats, to be placed some time in a museum which I hope to build.

With my affectionate regards for both you and Mamie, in which Minnie joins me, I remain

Sincerely,

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