

January 13, 1953

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMO TO MR. CARTER:

Re: Meeting of Shorecrest Civic and Improvement League
Love Field American Legion Hall
January 12, 1953

Meeting convened at 7:30 P.M. with approximately 85-100 people present.

A Mr. "Speed" Teague, President of the League, opened the meeting with a brief introduction for a Mr. Bob Northcutt, who is head of a Dallas committee known as the Aviation Safety Committee.

As nearly as I could judge, this committee is a liaison group between these civic groups and certain parties in City Hall and business concerns that are opposed to the \$12,500,000.00 bond issue.

Mr. Northcutt spoke about 30 minutes pointing out that the bond issue must be defeated, but to do so, this group and any other similar groups must offer an alternate plan for Love Field rather than just being opposed to the bond issue.

The alternate plan would be to close Love Field at the present address, re-develop the property for residential and industrial use and use the money derived from the sale of this property for building a new Love Field at a different address. No specific location was given, but that the location should be one where safety to persons, property was not in any danger.

Midway Airport, so called by Mr. Northcutt, was mentioned twice in a left handed manner--the first time by stating that he didn't believe Fort Worth people were any smarter than Dallas, but they seemed to have hit on a logical location for an airport--the second time and very hurriedly that maybe Midway was a solution.

Mr. Northcutt said that he had spoken with Mr. Elliott, C.A.A. 4th Region, relative to the use of Federal funds, and Mr. Elliott had pointed out that of the funds available in Texas for airport improvements, the City of Dallas was 6th on the list, coming after places such as Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio, and even Fort Worth.

He recommended to the group that they attend the Council meeting today, that they stress above everything else the safety angle, remembering the Elizabeth, New Jersey accidents, and not in any way arouse the feelings of their neighbors on a civic pride basis. If they get into a civic pride argument, he assured them they would have the biggest airport ever built right where Love Field is now located.

Mr. Northcutt also advised everyone that the Council had changed the time of the meeting from 4 P.M. today to 2 P.M. without making any public announcement.

Mr. Teague then took over and set up telephone committees and card mailing committees to contact all residents in the area urging attendance at the next meeting, time and place to be announced by news releases after council meeting today.

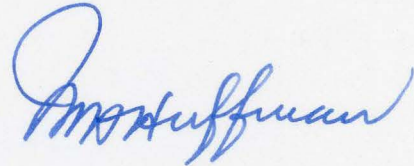
Besides the Hillcrest group, there were representatives from Walnut Hill, Bochman area and close by residents to Love Field.

All the people seemed to feel that the grouping of the nearby residential areas into a solid block would defeat the bond issue, providing they stressed the safety aspect and stayed away from any neighborhood problem or civic pride problem.

Mr. Northcutt mentioned in his talk that there were men in Dallas in influential positions who were opposed to the bond issue and were working quietly behind the scenes waiting for the appropriate time to speak out.

The Walnut Hill representative stated they would meet as a group in the very near future, and the Hillcrest group was urged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.



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