

January 30, 1958.

Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Now that the Eventful Tuesday, January 20, about the biggest day in American history has passed safely, and you have filed your medal won so bravely in attaining the record of winning the most trying Endurance Contest ever observed, perhaps you can unravel and relax your tired hoofs, even sit down long enough to read this little note. We, in Texas did not see all of our Texans in the parade. Either darkness hit them or they had been hanging around the Senate hoping to lasso the coyote from Oregon and lost their parade position.

The Next Big Event on our books is the opening of Fort Worth's Fifth-seventh annual Stock Show and Rodeo, beginning Friday, January 30, and closing February 8. It would thrill us all, of course, if it were possible for you to be present on this Great Occasion - we will even provide the horse for you to Sit on - you will not have to Stand.

In the vast 32 acre indoor plant in front of which you have Sat once or twice on memorable occasions, and in the great Will Rogers Coliseum in which you so thoughtfully once fraternized with the Baptists of the great state of Texas, the annual rodeo will be held. It will be a little different from the event you last attended there, but it will be interesting because this year we have corralled 158 wild horses and broncs, all Very Dissatisfied. Most of them Leaving and Separating from the green pastures where they have been loafing for the past 20 years.

You, of course, are an Honorary Chairman, as you have been in the past, and the gold badge is the Official Emblem for you to use as you enter the gates as an official of the great Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The badge is guaranteed not to turn after it gets its natural color. Please pardon the delay in getting the badge to you.

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When the band strikes up (maybe you could offer another fitting needed prayer), there will unfold one more great show for America - the America you told us about the other day and we of the Lone Star State will be proud that we are a part of it with you, and hope to continue to be so.

Sincerely,

Chairman of the Board

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