

March 27, 1953.

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of March 26 has been received, and I am terribly sorry you have not been kept posted on Mr. Carter's progress. I had thought that either Mrs. Carter or Mr. Richardson had been looking after that feature.

Mr. Carter received your wire and it pleased him very much, and I know this letter will also give him quite a lift.

It was four weeks yesterday since Mr. Carter was taken ill and they let him sit up in a chair five minutes twice, and today will permit him to walk around the bed to a chair and sit up a little longer. For the first time in his life he has obeyed someone else's orders and that has been a surprise to all of us; still, he possesses great wisdom and foresees the possibilities. He has been an excellent patient and we are all very hopeful that he will be able to be up for the formal opening of the Greater Fort Worth International Airport on April 24.

If Mr. Carter accepts this illness as a warning it may prolong his life many years. However, if he starts out as usual when he is able to be out, it is not anticipated that he will go very far without another attack. It is going to be tough for him to rearrange all of his habits and life at a slower pace.

If you have not attended one of the White House Easter Egg Rolls you really have something in store for you. It was my privilege to accompany Ruth when she was a youngster to one of those colorful occasions.

With best wishes to all of you, I am

Sincerely,

KD:mm

Secretary to A. G. Carter