

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1937

Mr. Amon Carter,
Fort Worth Star Telegram,
Fort Worth, Texas

My dear Amon:

When you were in my office the other day you renewed the request of the City of Fort Worth that the Post Office Department extend route AM 24, operated by Delta Air Corporation, from Dallas to Fort Worth.

I took up this matter with Mr. Ernest V. Moore, Attorney for Delta Air Lines, in an effort to obtain the views of the company. They have advised us that they have given this matter considerable thought but in view of the circumstances existing at the present time have come to the conclusion that the volume of mail and passenger business possible from such an extension would not justify the additional mileage and that the added revenue would not be as great as the additional expense involved.

The company calls attention to the fact that they have a lease for hanger, shop, and other terminal facilities at Dallas which would have to be duplicated at Fort Worth in the event of such an extension. The Post Office Department now pays for five round trips daily or a total of 300 miles daily for air mail service between Dallas and Fort Worth. In addition the contractors operate without cost to the department several other trips.

In view of the services now provided and the representations of the contractor as to increased cost without commensurate revenue, it would appear inadvisable to make the extension at this time.

It may be stated that the contractor has before the Interstate Commerce Commission an application for an increase in its rate. You may be assured, however, that

we will continue to watch the situation and if conditions change so that more favorable consideration can be given, we will be glad to do so. The contractor also agreed to make a further study of the possibilities in this regard.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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