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Dear Mr. Carter:

We were all mighty glad to see you last week in Ft. Worth, and sincerely hope that by this time you are feeling like yourself again. Doc McKnight says you have both been somewhat under the weather, and no doubt you need a good long rest somewhere.

You spoke about our desire to obtain more mail on the transcontinental and I promised to give you some information which you could transmit to Mr. Cisler. Attached are copies of two letters recently written to him on this subject, which I hope will be self explanatory. We have been unsuccessful in persuading the Post Office Department to place New York City and Newark gateway mail on our MERCURY Flight 4 from Los Angeles to New York, which leaves Glendale at 4:30 p.m. TWA's Flight 6, which leaves at 5:00 o'clock, reaches New York earlier because of their shorter route and that, coupled with our somewhat poor performance record on this flight, has stood in our way. The fact of the matter probably is that we would get this mail without question if it weren't for the fact that the additional volume would throw us into the next pay bracket on the eastern end, which would cost the Government five or six thousand dollars a month.

I hesitate to suggest that you take this matter up with the Post Office Department. You can be very helpful but I don't think it is fair to involve you in a matter which we may have failed to explain sufficiently herein. Perhaps if you do contact the Department you will prefer to discuss the matter generally rather than go into detail. By the way, Steve Cisler isn't directly interested in air mail any more. That department has been transferred to the office of the First Assistant, and is directly under Bill Howes. Charles Graddick is his Superintendent of Air Mail Service. Charlie was formerly Steve Cisler's Assistant, in charge of Air Mail and is a very good man.

You also spoke about Mr. L. O. Head, President of the Railway Express Agency. He has been most friendly. I have come to know him quite well and as you are such a good friend of his, I know