

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

8 AUG 1947

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

Dear Mr. Carter:

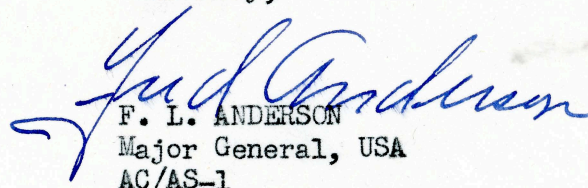
We have passed an important milestone in the long fight for recognition of air power and its rightful place in national security. The action of the Congress in passing the unification legislation represents a consummation of the efforts of those, like yourself, who are the friends of air power.

I am writing you at this time to express my sincere and personal appreciation for your friendship and help with our Air Force problems. I am, at present, on leave prior to retirement from active duty in the Air Force. While I will not be on the immediate scene, my efforts to obtain full backing of the Air Force program will continue.

The Air Force now has a great responsibility as do the other services to develop from the charter given them by Congress an effective and efficiently operating force for national security. There will be times when problems will confront them that demand the attention of the public, and I know without asking that they can depend upon your complete support in weighing the facts and presenting your views where they will be most helpful.

While I am leaving active service, I certainly don't expect to be leaving behind the friendships and associations that I have enjoyed. In fact, I hope there will be more time for closer friendship and association in the days to come. While you will want to take up specific aviation problems with active Air Force representatives, I assure you that I will always welcome hearing from you and be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

  
F. L. ANDERSON  
Major General, USA  
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