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Dear Dr. Bahmer:

Let me apologize for my delay in answering your very kind letter of July 28, 1967. The delay was occasioned by the fact that I was on an extended tour to Australia and other areas with a group of Texas business men and have only recently returned.

I received a letter from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson about my father's papers and documents, and I am today replying to that letter. The following is a reproduction of the contents of that letter, which I believe fully explains our situation:

"All concerned here are complimented by the fact that it is desired to have my father's personal papers included in the letters and documents which are being assembled for installation in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library to be located on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

"As I am sure you know, my father's primary interest was in West Texas, and he was active in the establishment of Texas Technological College at Lubbock and in promoting its development. I believe there was an understanding between him and the college that his papers would be placed there. My father's papers of the type referred to in your letter have not yet been assembled and reviewed. The one person who is in a position to make an intelligent review and selection is Mrs. Carl (Katrine) Deakins, who was associated with my father for a great many years as his confidential executive secretary. Her duties as one of the executors of my father's estate and as a director and officer of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, and the fact that for the past several years she has not been able to work more than half a day, have greatly delayed her efforts, which were begun some time ago, to review all of my father's personal files, discard all immaterial matters therein, and to select those which are worth preserving. Mrs. Deakins is giving this matter all of the attention which the circumstances referred to above permit, but we cannot say with any degree of definiteness just when she will be able to complete the task. When it is completed, we feel under an obligation to review

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the situation with the authorities of Texas Technological College before otherwise disposing of them. I believe, however, that when the time comes, some arrangement might be worked out by which the papers or copies thereof might be made available both for Texas Technological College and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library."

I, as well as all other members of my father's family, appreciate the compliment implicit in your letter and regret that we cannot at this time give a more definite or affirmative answer thereto.

Yours very truly,

Amon G. Carter, Jr.

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