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Washington, D.C.
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Honorable Amon G. Carter, cr The Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Amon:

Thanks for the tear sheet from Sunday's Star-Telegram with the excellent editorial entitled "Embarrassed Leaders" and Hal Kaufman's most effective and expressive cartoon. The circulation of these in the way you propose is certain to do a lot of good. The editorial tells the story in such a plain and direct way that almost anyone ought to understand it.

Of course the eyes of the nation are upon Wisconsin today and probably to a lesser degree on the 16th district in New York City. The issue is in the hands of the Gods. We at least may have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done a good job and met every fair obligation placed upon us. Our chief difficulty, and naturally, is the opposition of the regular Democratic organizations which everywhere are paying lip service to the third term. Under these circumstances it is very difficult to obtain or even to expect a free expression on the part of rank and file Democrats.

I have been reliably informed that administration forces here have turned thumbs down on the third term movement in Texas. This information comes from one of our mutual friends. The idea seems to be it would be in very bad taste for the administration forces to directly assault the Vice President in his own State. This is interesting if true since heretofore not many members of the executive family have been convicted of an over display of good manners.

The story in the Star-Telegram of Sunday by Robert E. Hicks contains a pretty accurate statement of the situation, I think.

With warmest good wishes,

Sincerely your friend,