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Hon. Harold Ickes,
Secretary of the Interior,
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Dear Sir :

I was very much amused at your letter addressed to Amon Carter and published in the local paper purporting to be an answer to an editorial appearing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram some time ago. After reading it I was reminded of that old saying, "He whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." If there is any truth in this saying, Amon has got you headed for the scrap-heap. You are quoted as saying that Mr. Carter was not so much concerned about the nomination of Jack Garner as he was in the defeat of Mr. Roosevelt. As to the truthfulness of that statement, I would not know, but there is one thing that I do know, that is the fact that you are a member of the President's Cabinet justifies any sensible man who loves his country, to favor the defeat of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

We native Texans are proud of our State and the high standard of its membership which we believe is equal to the best and far superior to any State that would claim you as a native son. And, in closing, may I offer this observation that it would take your entire wardrobe and Frankie's overcoat to make a sock leg for either Jack Garner or Amon Carter.

Very truly,


S. D. Shannon

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