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Mrs. Katherine Deakins Secretary to Mr. Amon G. Carter Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mrs. Deakins:

I appreciate your letter very much of November 24th. in which you advise me that Mr. Carter is still in London and that you do not at this time know when he will return to the United States.

Federal Judge Charles L. Boynton as I understand it will make the appointment with the approval of the Secretary of Interior, and Judge Boynton has already gone on record as being in favor of my appointment; but wanted expecially to have the Governor, Senator Winfield, and Congressman Thomason in whose district the park is located to approve also; and especially he wanted Mr. Carter's approval as President of the Big Bend National Park. All of these endorsements have gone to the Secretary of the Interior with the exceptions of Mr. Carter, and on his return if you will bring this matter to his attention I will greatly appreciate it.

I feel sure that certain legislation will be enacted very soon creating the office to be designated as Special United States Commissioner; but until this is intoroduced the appointment cannot of course be made; and I feel that the matter can wait until Mr. Carter's return. I believe that his letter of recommendation should be addressed to the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior, Washington, D. C, and a copy to Federal Judge Charles L. Boynton, El Paso, Texas, and a copy to Newton B. Drury, Director of National Park Service, Chicago, Illinois.

Thanking you again for your nice letter, and with everygood wish for you in the future.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Meadows

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