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Fort Worth, Texas,
February 27, 1943.

Honorable Harold L. Ickes,
Petroleum Administrator for War,
Washington, D.C.

Retel February 19th, thoroughly agree with you on necessity of speeding the production of 100 and also 91 octane gasolines, toluenes and lubricants for war products but urgently request that your refining committee give immediate consideration to relief of the deplorable condition of West Texas producers by diverting sweet crudes from Texas Gulf Coast refineies that are equipped to refine West Texas crudes efficiently and that they direct conversion of such plants for refining West Texas crudes. Believe this would ease the situation in Eastern States and in West Texas and would help keep the independent producers alive PERIOD May I ask you just why the New Mexico producers (owned mostly by the major companies) were permitted by the PAFW to produce 6470 barrels per well for 1942 mostly from federal owned land, while the operators just across the line in Texas were only permitted to produce 5158 barrels per well for 1942, or 3312 per well less for the Texas producers PERIOD If the public in Texas should ever become exercised and get as sour on some of the big major companies as these companies seem to be on the sour crude in West Texas, they might wake up and be very unhappy PERIOD I still feel some of the majors are almost getting away with murder under the guise of national defense and unless you should take a positive stand for a square deal for the independents they will vanish from the field and then God help the public PERIOD I am neither a dynamiter nor a giant killer, but I am thoroughly fed up, as are hundreds and hundreds of other independent operators, on the treatment we have been accorded in West Texas PERIOD Your answer of February Nineteenth to my previous telegram is thoroughly constructive and fair but I still want to caution you against permitting these major-dominated

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committees from continuing to strangulate the independent operators. I sent you a copy of my letter to Honorable Sam Rayburn on February First and I will appreciate it if you will read this letter. It shows that the majors controlled 52% of the nations reserves in 1939 and 70% in 1942 PERIOD The big pipeline in West Texas not now in use could be taken up and laid down from El Paso to California which would greatly help West Texas crude and give the Pacific Coast the oil needed to fill Army and Navy requirements PERIOD Statistics show that California refineries are having to draw on storage to fill normal requirements. We are in favor of the pipeline to the East as advocated by Charles F. Roeser. From a practical standpoint it would serve best. I appreciate you have a tough job, still I have ever confidence in your ability to see that all producers are accorded a square deal. If we are fighting for the liberties of our people, it would not be amiss to practice them at home. Best wishes.

Amon Carter

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