

Ft. Worth, Texas  
August 4, 1943

Mr. Amon G. Carter  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Amon:

"Red" and I have been in conference all afternoon in regard to the Midway Terminal Building plan that we discussed last week at the airport. He has had a drawing of the building and a location plat made in New York, which are being forwarded to you tonight by air mail under separate cover. He would like to have your views at the earliest practical time in order that he may follow-through on the plan with Jesse Jones if it meets with your approval.

The terminal building will straddle the present West boundary line of the airport, 1000' South of the existing Northwest corner facing North toward Highway 183. The area between the building and the highway will be beautified and parked. Subway tunnels will let the vehicular traffic pass to the East and West of the building to parking areas in the rear and to the existing semi-circular ramp which could be utilized as an arcade through which motor-borne passengers could enter direct from automobiles. Half of the building will extend West of the present airport line on Midway Airport Corporation property and the East half will be on the area now in the airport.

The former plan located the building approximately 1000' East of the airport's West boundary line facing West from the semi-circular ramp near the center axis of the runways and this arrangement pulls it about 1000' West and 1640' North.

The result is that the distance to the building from Ft. Worth over Highway 183 is shortened 2640' or half mile, but over the proposed cutoff from Highway 183, which would feed directly East into the airport, the distance would be increased 640'. From Dallas, by Highway 183, the distance is shortened 2640', but by the shortest road, which would come from the South of the airport, the relocation of the building would add 640' to the distance from Dallas.

In mileage the route over Highway 183 from Ft. Worth would be 18.3 miles and from Dallas 18.8 miles, by the traffic circle, which is the only route to be presently improved. By the cutoff, feeding eastward, directly into the airport from Highway 183, the mileage from Ft. Worth would be 18 miles flat. By the Irving route and the southern route from Dallas, the mileage would be 17.7 miles.

There is a differential of .3 mile favoring Dallas over the Irving and southern route, but they say they will not use that one and there is a differential of .8 mile favoring Ft. Worth over the circle route, which Dallas will use, with the presently contemplated road improvements.

This arrangement of the terminal building will answer the argument that the building should face North on Highway 183. It will salvage the investment

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Midway Airport

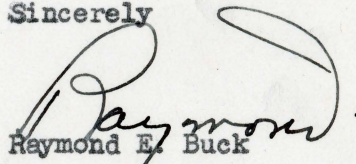
made in the present runway system and will prove a very attractive and efficient terminal facility. More important to Ft. Worth, it will be on the West side and further West than the original location. Furthermore, it will concentrate and increase the building site area for hangars and shops near Ft. Worth.

The drawing shows a semi-circular arcade ramp encircling the terminal building on the West, South and East, and airplanes would be parked, for loading and unloading on this arcade. Such an arrangement brings a good part of the loading even further West, than the building, and consequently somewhat closer to Ft. Worth. This arrangement makes "The Place Where You Get on the Plane" as near half way as physical factors would ever permit in a situation of this kind.

Will you call me, collect, when you have examined the drawing and the plat in the light of this letter and let me know your reaction, which I can then pass on to the interested parties by telephone? In this matter I am acting as an employe and director of Midway Airport Corporation in an effort to promote the interests of the airport.

I hope that you had a pleasant drive and that you will not "race your motor" while you are out there.

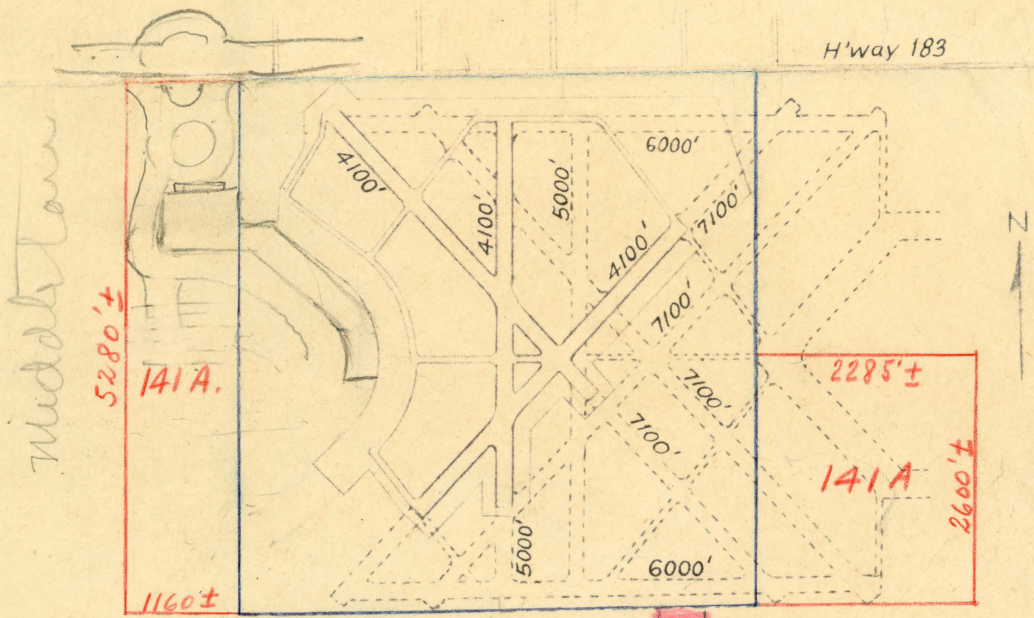
Sincerely

  
Raymond E. Buck

REB:LP

*Amon:*

*I hope you and Ruth enjoy your trip - Would like to be with you - C.R. is joining me in Washington tomorrow morning and will spend a couple days - Hope to call you in a few days - Thanks for everything -*  
*"Red"*



Location of 40A.  
tract Connecting  
R.R. & Airport  
not available  
this date. →

- Present Runway Layout
- - - Proposed Future " "
- Present Boundary - 640A.±
- Parcels retained by Airport Corp.

Midway Airport  
Arlington, Tex.  
Scale 1" = 2000'  
GEM - 3/4/42

