Midway Port Change Is Proposed by Jesse Jones

DALLAS, Aug. 31 (AP).—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones has recommended that the administration building of the proposed Midway Airport be placed on the north side of the port approximately halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

In a letter to Mayor Rodgers of Dallas, Jones proposed the depot site he moved from the west side of the airport to the northwest corner on the new North Highway between the two cities.

The Commerce Secretary wrote that Dallas and Fort Worth would need individual airports "as air traffic expands," but the Midway should be sponsored and supported by both cities as well as by Arlington, and should serve the two cities as their joint airport.

"Undoubtedly, Transcontinental lines serving the Dallas-Fort Worth territory will not want to make two stops within a distance of 30 miles, and should not be required to do so."

Referring to a hearing granted representatives of both cities in Washington last March 22, Jones wrote Mayor Rodgers:

"At my suggestion, the Civil Aeronautical Administration has outlined an extension and revision of the port . . . which places the facilities (administration building) facing the highway so that the port is equally accessible to both cities. It takes nothing from the port as originally outlined, and adds some ground that may be useful later.

"I feel very strongly that Dallas and Fort Worth should be co-sponsors of this airport along with Arlington."

"I have submitted this letter to the Civil Aeronautics Board, and while board members do not feel they should take any part in a purely local matter of this character, because of rulings they may be called on to make, I can say unofficially that they concur in these views. The Civil Aeronautics Administrator also concurs."

Jones' decision on the request filed at the March 22 hearing came after Dallas authorities had agreed to abandon sponsorship of Midway Airport and to construct what has been proposed as a super-airport to be located less than 10 miles from the downtown area.

FORT WORTH ANSWERS

PROPOSAL TO SHIFT SITE.

Proposal to shift the site of the Midway Airport building was received here from the CAA by Executive Vice President Holden of the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor McCrary about three weeks ago and was answered that if, in the judgment of the aeronautics authority, the new site would be preferable, Fort Worth would present no objection.

No communication in the matter has been received here from Commerce Secretary Jones.

ARLINGTON O. KS. CHANGE IF FORT WORTH, DALLAS AGREE.

ARLINGTON, Aug. 31.—Mayor W. F. Altman of Arlington said he had received a letter from the CAB concerning the "compromise" location of the airport administration building and that Arlington has accepted it subject to the approval of Fort Worth and Dallas.

He said the change would move the administration building 400 yards north to the northwest corner of the airport and would "fix things so you can turn directly off the highway onto the airport parking area."

"I can see no reason why the change shouldn't be accepted by both cities," he stated.