

FORT WORTH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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Mr. C. E. Faulk, President  
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Dear Mr. Faulk:

You may be familiar with the discussions that have been going on between the Department of Commerce, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the airlines interested in the Midway Airport and the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington. We do not want to burden you with voluminous correspondence on this subject, but we believe that you will be interested in a careful analysis prepared by the City of Fort Worth of the three plans for the improvement of this airport, namely (1) the original plan proposed by CAA under which the present runways and improvements have been built, (2) the plan which Fort Worth has suggested utilizing the proposed location of the administration building at the northwest corner of the present airport in accordance with the plan submitted by CAA last August which was approved by Arlington, the sponsor, Fort Worth and, we understand, by the airlines, and (3) the recent plan proposing the location of the administration building near the northeast corner of the airport which we understand is sponsored by Dallas and which was submitted in Secretary Jones's letter of November 1 to Mayor McCrary, et al.

We are enclosing copies of a message from Secretary Jones dated November 11 in which he states that neither the Department of Commerce nor the Civil Aeronautics Administration have decided anything in regard to the location of the future building site and that the same will be up to the operators after the present emergency. We are also enclosing copy of my letter to Mr. Stanton of December 3 and copy of the report from the City Manager of Fort Worth on the three plans previously referred to.

The definite understanding between the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington which was the basis for this entire project was that the administration building would be located half-way between Dallas and Fort Worth. With that in mind, the CAA prepared the original plan with proposed location of the administration building on the west side of the field which would also be the most economical and efficient from the standpoint of construction and operation of the airport. Fort Worth and Arlington favor the original plan but have agreed to the compromise proposed by CAA on August 7 which is the second plan shown in the estimates and sketches. We are strongly opposed to the third plan locating the administration building near the northeast corner of the airport, making the travelling distance approximately two miles greater from Fort Worth than from Dallas and almost doubling the cost of developing the airport in comparison with the original plan.

C. E. Faulk

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Since your company will no doubt be affected and perhaps be a party to the final decision on the location of the building site, we trust that you will give this material prepared by the City of Fort Worth your careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By

William Holden  
Executive Vice President

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