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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

> Mr. Amon G. Carter Fort Worth Star-Telegram Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Mr. C. R. Smith has asked that I send you a copy of his announcement covering the organizational change which moves Mr. Mosier to LaGuardia Airport.

I understand you have already been forwarded the abbreviated press release, but since this contains the background information, it will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Walter H. Johnson, Jr.

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## APPOINTMENT OF MR. MOSIER TO COORDINATE OPERATING DEPARTMENTS - ALLOCATION OF FORMER DUTIES

On March 15, 1952, O. M. Mosier, Vice President, will move his office from 100 Park Avenue to La Guardia Airport. He will, after March 15, be responsible for the direction and coordination of the Operations, Maintenance and Supply and Engineering departments. On the organization chart of the company Messrs. Fritz, Brandewiede and Beard will report to Mr. Mosier, who in turn will report to the President.

The problems and responsibilities of these three departments are interwoven, for together it is their job to operate the airline. The operation has grown more complex as the size of the company and its miles of flight have increased. There are additional business complexities, arising from the large volume of expenditures necessary to operate a nation—wide system. When decisions involving these matters need to be made they need to be made without delay. That is sometimes difficult when the head of each department reports directly to the President, and the President is often out of town.

There is need for closer coordination of the work of the departments. The situation has been discussed with Messrs. Fritz, Brandewiede, Beard, Mosier and other officers of the company, and they conclude that this will be a logical and effective form of organization.

Mr. Mosier has had extensive experience and has mature ability in the technical and business phases of air transportation. He has long been with American Airlines and his record is a distinguished one. I am sure that the team of Mosier, Fritz, Brandewiede and Beard will provide American with an outstanding performance.

Mr. Walter H. Johnson will be responsible for the Properties and State Affairs Department, reporting to C. W. Jacob, Vice President. Mr. Johnson will continue as Secretary of the corporation and will retain the duties of that office.

Mr. C. W. Jacob will be responsible for the duties previously performed by Mr. Mosier, including coordination of the company's interest in Mexico with Mr. George Van Nostrand, General Manager.

These assignments should result in better coordination of our work, staff and operational. I count on you to give them your aid and support.

## FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1952

O. M. Mosier, Vice President of American Airlines, Inc., has been made responsible for the direction and coordination of the airline's Operations, Maintenance & Supply and Engineering Departments, it was announced today by C. R. Smith, President. Reporting to Mr. Mosier will be L. G. Fritz, Vice President-Operations; G. J. Brandewiede, Vice President-M&S, and M. G. (Dan) Beard, Chief Engineer.

Mr. Mosier will assume his new duties on March 15 at LaGuardia Airport.

The closer coordination of the operating departments through this arrangement, according to Mr. Smith, is made necessary by the complexities arising from the rapid growth of the company's business.

C. W. Jacob, Vice President, will be responsible for the duties previously performed by Mr. Mosier, including coordination of the company's interest in Mexico with Mr. George Van Nostrand, Vice President and General Manager of American Airlines de Mexico.

Walter H. Johnson, Jr. will direct the Properties and State
Affairs departments, reporting to Mr. Jacob. Mr. Johnson will continue
as Secretary of the corporation.