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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April 11, 1944.

Admiral C. W. Nimitz,  
Commander in Chief,  
U. S. Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas,  
Cave Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Admiral:

Your letter of March 16th received, and you may rest assured that you will always have a rain check insofar as Fort Worth and Texas hospitality is concerned. When I sent the wire to you I really had little hope that you, in your busy program, would have an opportunity to stop off in Fort Worth enroute to Pearl Harbor; however, I thought if you were flying that you might, through one cause or another, lay over in Fort Worth the same as Admiral Halsey did on his return to the Pacific.

When you do come to Fort Worth, we will be glad to have a new sweat band placed in your hat and your name embossed therein in gold.

I note with interest your concern regarding my office as president of the Chamber of Commerce on Wake Island. Irrespective of my constituents, I hope you obliterate everything on the Island. I recall at the time of my visit there of writing my son, Amon Junior, and telling him that Wake Island was about the size of Shady Oak Farm (approximately 800 to 1000 acres), where I have always entertained distinguished guests during their stopovers in Fort Worth.

One of my old time friends in Fort Worth has a son, Ensign B. B. Holland, in the Navy who is leaving Thursday for Pearl Harbor. Incidentally, he is a friend of my son, Amon Junior. I have asked Ensign Holland to bring a small package to you with my compliments and best wishes. I hope that both the Ensign and the package arrive in good condition. I am only sorry that the weight limit did not permit my sending a case instead of the one package. Young Barney Holland, who is bringing the package to you, is

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a nephew of Frank Hawks one of the outstanding commercial pilots of his time.

While, we are on the subject of packages, I would like to send to both you and Lt. General Richardson a real Texas smoked turkey if you can provide me with instructions as to how it could be sent to you from San Francisco by air. They weigh from 12 to 15 pounds each. These turkeys are prepared in Fort Worth by one of my old friends, Mrs. E. P. Van Zandt (who, incidentally, has a son, Lt. E. P. Van Zandt, Jr., now Aide to General Rowell). Smoked turkey is a real delicacy but a little rich for a regular meal. It is fine to nibble between cocktails. I will be able to send the turkey to San Francisco by air express if you can arrange for air transportation from there on to its destination.

In conclusion, may I express my thanks and appreciation as well as my admiration for the great job you are doing in the Pacific. It is superfluous for me to say continue to give "em everything you have. There is no punishment too drastic to dish out to your opponents - the yellow rats!

With sincere best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*A. G. Carter*

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