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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

August 5, 1946.

Honorable C. W. Nimitz,
Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Admiral:

Your letter of May 22, as well as your letter of July 24 have been received and I, first, ask you to accept my apology for not sooner acknowledging your previous letter.

Mr. Ralph A. Bard, as indicated in your letter of May 22, wrote me May 21 since which time I have been in and out of the city, my daughter married and, as a matter of fact, I am so far behind with an accumulation of work and unanswered correspondence that it is really embarrassing.

I deeply appreciate the honor extended me through Mr. Bard and especially your recommendation. As stated to Mr. Bard, there is nothing I had rather do than to comply with any request you might possibly make, meanwhile I find it physically impossible to add to my already bogged down obligations and responsibilities. If I worked fifteen hours a day at the office it would not be possible to take care of the requirements. It is almost impossible to even read the mail that arrives each day. At times I think my office is more like a Chamber of Commerce, so I have been compelled, reluctantly, in many cases, and in this one particularly, to decline to add any new duties.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Bard in which I strongly recommend Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews to lead a program of this kind. I feel certain the newspapers and the public in general will lend him every consistent cooperation possible. I realize the Admiral has retired and, incidentally, heads one of the largest wholesale grocer companies in Texas. I also presume he feels that he has performed a long and effective service which entitles him to a rest, so

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irrespective of whomever Mr. Bard should select, I will be glad to do the best I can under the circumstances to be of assistance in any way possible.

Incidentally, I failed to notify you, although you will receive a letter shortly advising of your election as an Honorary Life Member of the Fort Worth Club. While I realize you have very little opportunity to use the Club we do want you to know that we consider it an honor and privilege to extend to you and other outstanding leaders in the Armed Forces this courtesy in appreciation of the great jobs you have performed in cleaning up the Germans and Japs.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in my behalf in this matter and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. G. Carter

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Mr. Ralph Bard, President,
Navy League of the United States,
The Mills Building,
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bard:

Admiral Nimitz wrote me on May 22 advising that you were going to ask me to become the State President of the Navy League of Texas. Meanwhile, I received a letter from you dated May 21 and I am so far behind with an accumulation of work and unanswered correspondence that it is really embarrassing.

While I appreciate the compliment tremendously and I am thoroughly in sympathy with the purpose of your organization and the benefits the Navy could receive from a strong organization of this kind, at the same time it is physically impossible for me to accept this responsibility. I naturally regret not being able to comply with any request which might be made by Admiral Nimitz as well as you in connection with any matter pertaining to the welfare and development of a strong, adequate Navy; however, my time is limited and loaded down with a multiplicity of obligations I am now unable to take care of as the result of which I have found it necessary to refrain from availing myself of further opportunities of a public nature. I am now sixty-six years old and if I had fifteen hours a day it would be impossible to take care of the requirements now pouring into my office which is almost like a Chamber of Commerce.

The presidency of a League of this nature should be held by some outstanding man well known who could give sufficient time to build up and sponsor the purposes of the organization. If I might be permitted to say so, I know of no one

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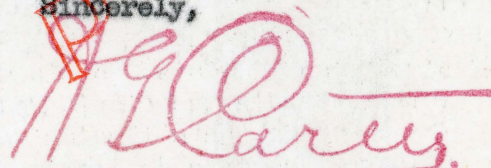
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better qualified to do a job of this kind, if he could consistently accept it, than Vice-Admiral Adolphus Andrews, one of our substantial Texas citizens. Although he has an outstanding career and many honors through his Navy life and activities, I still believe there is no one better in Texas to do the job. I will be glad to lend to Admiral Andrews every consistent help possible.

With full assurances, again, that my not being able to accept your generous offer is in no way an evidence of my lack of interest or appreciation of the fact that it is necessary for the United States Navy to continue to be the strongest Navy in the world.

Sincerely,


A. G. Carter.

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