

September 30, 1942.

Licenciado Ezequiel Padilla,
Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Padilla:

Upon departing from Mexico City, I went on to New York and have just returned home, which explains the delay in not sooner writing to express my thanks and appreciation for the delightful hospitality extended to those in the American Airlines party who recently visited in Mexico City in connection with the initial flight of the extension of the airline system from Fort Worth, Texas, to Mexico City.

The guests on this trip were overwhelmed by your gracious hospitality. Every effort possible was made to take care of our welfare and happiness during our stay in your City.

The opening of the American Airlines service from Fort Worth to Mexico City, as well as from El Paso to Mexico City, in my estimation, is a tremendous step forward in the progressive, friendly relations now existing between your great Country and the United States. The direct connection as now operated brings the two countries, relatively speaking, very close together. When the War is over it should be a tremendous impetus to the tourists as well as our business men to visit your City which, because of the great distance and time necessary, heretofore, has limited the travel to a certain extent.

Mexico City, in my estimation, is one of the most beautiful and interesting cities to be found anywhere in the world and, now, to think, we can leave Fort Worth at 8:00 in the morning and be in your city at 1:40 that same afternoon - which makes one feel they are only commuting. It will take time to educate the public to all these facts and war conditions naturally limit the possibilities of travel at this time; however, as a director, I am very enthusiastic over the future possibility of the American Airlines and its activities in Mexico and it will be our purpose to do everything possible

to promote the welfare of your great country and
lend a helping hand in every consistent way possible.

If you should come to Fort Worth at any time,
it will be a pleasure to see you.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

AGC.KD