



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

*Personal*

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am sure I need not tell you with what pleasure I received your letter of September 30. I recall with much pleasure your brief stay here and I hope the next time that you come to Mexico City, we will be able to have you here longer and that Mrs. Messersmith and I may have the opportunity of seeing you in our home. It is good of you to say you would be glad to see me in Fort Worth, and you may be sure that if I am ever able to get away from here, I shall be very happy to spend a few days in your charming city. Fort Worth is one of the Texas cities which up to now, unfortunately for me, I have never been able to visit.

What you say concerning the American Airlines is fully justified. It is an initiative of our people at home of which I am deeply appreciative and I am confident that it is a very splendid thing. The Mexicans are particularly impressed that we have been able to do this in these difficult times and are all the more appreciative of the service rendered and of the understanding shown by the American Airlines and those who made this possible.

I am delighted to know that you had an opportunity of seeing the President in Fort Worth recently and I wish I could think that this trip may have been some little surcease from his heavy labors. In spite of all the many things which filled his trip, I am sure that the President enjoyed it and that it was in some ways a rest for him. He is so tremendously interested and vital that a change of scene is always a rest for him. It is good of you to have made reference in your talk with him to what I am trying to do here and I am very appreciative.

This job here is getting bigger all the time and the  
burden/

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

burden heavier, but in some way or other, I seem to be able to get away with it in spite of the long hours. It has been my desire to make a trip home, if only for a few weeks, but I see no prospect of doing so in the near future. I have been here continuously since February and have not been in Washington since January. This is the first time in years that I have not been able to make two or three trips to Washington during the course of the year. Our program of economic relationships with Mexico is continuously growing and the collaboration which the Mexican Government is giving us is complete. The strategic materials which we are getting from Mexico in increasing quantities are playing a very important role in our war effort.

You have an excellent memory in thinking of the hat. It is more than good of you to think of it at all, and I assure you that I should be very happy to have one. My size is  $7\frac{1}{8}$ . I can only make one promise and that is that if you send me one, I shall wear it!

With every good wish, and looking forward to seeing you here again in the not too distant future, believe me,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. H. H.' or similar, written in a cursive style.