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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 4, 1936.

Hon. Marvin H. McIntyre,
Asst. Secy. to President Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Marvin:

Enclosed, herewith, you will please find copy of a telegram I am sending to the President today at Hyde Park. I realize he will have thousands and thousands of telegrams and the chances are he will not be able to read them, but I do want him to know that I am thoroughly happy. So, I hope he will have a chance to see the telegram.

Due to delay on Guam Island, I was unable to get home in time for the election; so, I spent the day, yesterday, in the Los Angeles Times office getting the returns and thoroughly enjoyed it. I left Los Angeles at 9:30 last night and arrived home this morning at seven o'clock - only one stop-on the American Airline Flagship.

We had a "bully" trip to HongKong. When I stepped off the plane this morning in Fort Worth I had covered 21,284 miles by air and had been gone twenty-three days. I saw more water than even Senator Sheppard would require. In fact, when I passed over Lake Worth this morning and looked down on my little lake at Shady Oak Farm, it looked like it had shrunk up considerably. However, it looked good to me, after all the water I have passed over, on the trip.

I sent the Boss a cable from Manila expressing my amazement at the new Pan-American development, which shrinks up the ocean and brings Manila and HongKong closer to California than Honolulu has been heretofore, from a point of contact. The Pan-American is doing a great job. In fact, I consider it one of the greatest developments in my time. The new ships they are going to build will be almost double the size of that we made the trip on and it is quite a ship itself - with a wing spread of 130 feet.

One thing I was particularly impressed with, was the personnel of the Pan-American's employes throughout the entire trip. In other words, they are all care-

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fully selected and are men of a type that would be a credit to even the State Department. This, with the foresight and courage of the management, places America on the front ranks of commercial aviation. When we dropped into HongKong with this big Philippine Clipper there was a tremendous crowd to meet us. In fact, it was the largest ship ever there and, incidentally, was the first flight from Manila to Hongkong. The captain, notwithstanding this feature, circled the city and dropped her down with a perfect landing just as though it had been a regular daily routine.

We had lots of fun with the crowd on the trip, which included Mr. and Mrs. McAtee, Roy Howard, Paul Patterson, J. H. Stahlman, Mr. Beck, President, Crowell Publishing Company, Ed Swasey of the Hearst organization, Eddie McDonald, Graham Grosvenor, Sonny Whitney and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jaun Trippe and the writer. The Whitneys, Trippes, Roy Howard and Paul Patterson left us in HongKong, making the trip further into China and we returned to Manila the day following.

This new service makes the people in the Pacific next door neighbors and should be a great stimulation to American business in that part of the country. It would be a great thing if the members of the Senate and the House, as well as the Post Office Officials, could take the same trip as I did. They would then realize that money invested, on the part of the Government, in this project is merely incidental as compared to the development of commercial business between North America and the Far East. I am sure they would have a different conception and realize the Government's cooperation with an enterprise of this nature is one of the best investments this country could make.

I am not financially interested in any way in the Pan-American Company or its activities, but I did have an opportunity, first hand, to view the great pioneering work they are doing. It really comes under the head of "big business". When you fly twenty hours over an ocean, out of sight of land, you must have good equipment and the very highest type of personnel. At that, I never had a thought or worry on the entire trip any more than I would in making the trip from Fort Worth to New York over the American Airlines in one of their new Flagships.

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It is possible for one to leave Fort Worth Wednesday morning at 5:28, arrive in Los Angeles at 11:42 A. M. on the American Airlines, catch the noon plane to Oakland, grab a taxi over to the Alameda Field, take the Pan American Clipper at 3:00 P.M. and arrive in Honolulu at 7:00 o'clock the next morning for breakfast, 4150 miles.

I notice in the stock markets that the investors do not seem to worry regarding the outcome of the election. I think it is a great achievement for the Boss and after reviewing the bidding and going over some of Colonel Knox's speeches, as well as other representatives of the Republican Party, it reminds me of the old frog story of the man from Texas who went to Wisconsin, heard the million frogs, he thought, yelping their lungs out, picked up a paper and found a house in Chicago was advertising to buy frog saddles. He wired the concern, that advertised, asking how many frog saddles they would take. They promptly replied "10,000 dozen". A week later the old boy send in a dozen frog saddles, stating that was all he could find; that he had been fooled by their "hollers". This covers Republican squaks and the turmoil they have tried to create during the past campaign.

Here, I go with a long winded letter when I merely started out to say hello and to express my congratulations and admiration on the final outcome of the campaign. I know it has been a tough job on all of you and you are certainly deserving of a vacation. Why not come down to Shady Oak Farm? We could catch a few fish, brag on our friends and sympathize with our enemies.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,