

November 21, 1951

Mr. George W. Armstrong, Jr.,  
Texas Steel Company,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

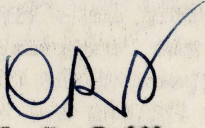
Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I have your letter about Flights #115 and 116. I assure you that we regret having to take the flights off for a while even more than you do. The flights have been operating with reasonably good load factors and we have earned a little profit in their operation.

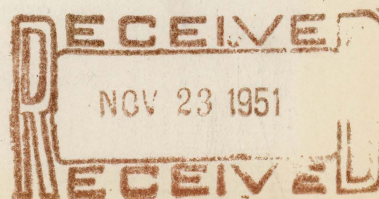
The whole problem is airplanes. Over the winter we need to overhaul and modify three of our DC6 planes and we have none that we can put in the shops without taking off some service. Ordinarily we would purchase additional planes but an airplane purchased now will be delivered in 1953 or 1954.

We intend resuming these services in the Spring of the coming year, as soon as the airplanes are again available. I know that will not aid your present situation, and that I regret. I know of the sacrifices of being away from home, working for the government, for I did that for several years. I wish that there could be a way of maintaining the flights without interruption, but I know of no way it can be done.

Sincerely yours,

  
C. R. Smith

cc Mr. Amon Carter ✓





November 19, 1951

Mr. C. R. Smith, President  
American Airlines  
910 South Boston Avenue  
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am indeed disturbed to learn of the cancellation of flights #115 and #116. I fully realize that American Airlines are not operating their flights for my personal convenience alone, but it is hard for me to believe that I am by myself in appreciating the great convenience of these two flights.

I am working in Washington as a member of the Wage Stabilization Board without compensation Tuesdays through Fridays. As a rule I leave Washington Friday night on Flight #115 which enables me to spend Saturday, Sunday and Monday attending to my own business in Fort Worth. I leave Fort Worth by limousine, catch Flight #116 in Dallas on Monday evening which enables me to be back on my government job Tuesday morning. Cancellation of these flights may well result in the necessity of my resigning from the Wage Stabilization Board as it will greatly inconvenience me both in Washington and in Fort Worth to use your other schedule of flights.

This perhaps is of no consequence to you or to the government except for the fact that I feel that I surely cannot be alone in appreciating the convenience that flights #115 and #116 afford. If there are too many flights daily between Dallas, Washington and New York and return, perhaps since there are X number of people to be served cancellation of some other flight might enable the traffic to be profitable and allow the continuance of these flights which have such convenient hours.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. W. Cummings Jr.*

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cc: Hon. Wingate Lucas

Mr. Amon Carter ✓

Mr. Nathan Feinsinger, Chairman Wage Stabilization Board

Mr. Eric Johnston, Administrator Economic Stabilization

