



LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

AUSTIN, TEXAS

May 3, 1943

Dear Amon Carter:

Thank you for sending me the tear sheets telling us that Amon G. Carter, Jr. was still with us.

Also appreciated the compliment to you and your son by "The Londoner's Diary.", which was no surprise to me. Was glad to know, however, that some of those newspaper men had the pleasure of meeting you two.

Met a couple of Boston men Sunday who are in Texas with the Cabot Carbon Co. One of them a cousin of Cabot Lodge. They had heard of you. Also, they like Texas. They ask me the sort of Man you were; your size, looks, age, etc. I thought for a minute then answered: "Amon Carter IS the definition of the Man from Texas. He looks, acts, and does just what the World would expect of a He Man from and of Texas." They each grinned and said: "Carter must be some Man !" I replied that he was, and that from what I had seen of Amon Jr. that Amon Sr. was just as successful as a Father.

Newspaper men are 'nt, as a rule, very good at praying. Or maybe they dont pray 'till its very necessary. Nor do any of us know just how effective prayers may be. But the Wife and I did our part both for Amon, Jr., and John Jones, Jr. We like to think it might have helped.

Saw Uncle John Jones today. They had received three letters from John Jr. He had ask them to send him some heavy pajamas, a heavy woolen blanket, some decks of cards, cigarettes, and, if possible some jelly and preserves. Of course, he reported, they were being well treated.

Our second son Joe, is transferring to the Para-troops on or about June first, which does'nt make us too happy.

Now we are hoping that it will all soon be over, so the Boys can come home; and we can all go natural again.

Cordially,

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500 Westmoreland,  
Houston, Texas.

