

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

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

Dear Amon:

Pan American, as you know, comes up to Brownsville from the south and terminates its operation there. From Brownsville to Fort Worth passengers come over the Braniff route to Fort Worth, some going on North on Braniff, some going on American Airlines and others terminating their journey there. In other words, the flow of traffic from Brownsville has been through Fort Worth and Dallas ever since air transportation was established in the State of Texas. Nearly all of the passengers and nearly all of the mail which comes through the Brownsville gateway destined for the Northeast or West comes through Fort Worth now.

Eastern Air Lines operates from New York, through New Orleans, to Houston and they are working very hard now to endeavor to get the Postmaster General to authorize a route from Houston, through Corpus Christi, to Brownsville. Their purpose, of course, is to endeavor to divert the traffic now coming through the Fort Worth gateway to the route going through Houston and New Orleans to New York.

It is our opinion that better service can be expected through the Fort Worth gateway for South American and Mexican traffic than can be offered through the Houston gateway, and we see no occasion for an additional route to serve the Brownsville gateway. Of course, Houston will say that they should have the direct route into Brownsville, but there is certainly not enough traffic from Houston to Brownsville to inaugurate another service to take care of it.

We, of course, do not serve Houston and have no interest in seeing the Mexican and South American passengers going through Houston instead of going through Fort Worth. We would much prefer that the flow of traffic continue as it is now from Brownsville through Fort Worth and from there to other points on the airway map.

Atlanta, of course, is also anxious to have the extension from Houston to Brownsville, for it will serve to increase the traffic through their territory just the same way as it will through Houston. I should imagine that a lot of Mr. Branch's friends in Atlanta



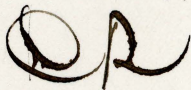
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will endeavor to persuade him that the line from Houston, through Corpus Christi, to Brownsville should be authorized.

It is to the interest of American Airlines, Inc. to see that people continue to come through the Fort Worth gateway. It is certainly to the interest of Fort Worth and Dallas to do the same thing. A number of the Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri congressmen have seen Mr. Branch about this matter and have indicated very definitely that they see no occasion for an additional route in the southern section of Texas. I am sure that if you conveyed your thoughts on this matter to your friends in Congress from Texas that you would be doing something which would be constructive so far as Fort Worth is concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C. R. Smith', written in a cursive style.

C. R. Smith  
President

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