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Dear Amon:

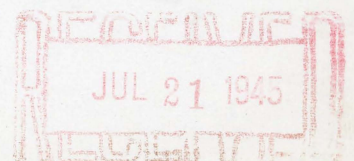
I have had correspondence with Mr. Clinton Milan of Clarksville, Texas, relative to a tract of land of about 9,000 acres in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and which he advises can be utilized for citrus fruit land, vegetable growing, oil drilling and colonization. Mr. Milan and his brother, Clyde Milan of Washington, seem to think I could be helpful to them in promoting this property.

Of course, I am unable to even discuss the matter with them, but I have asked Clint if he would be willing to have me refer it to you and he has advised me that he would be delighted if I would do so and that he could easily drive over to Fort Worth from Clarksville and explain the situation to you. Naturally, I don't want to impose any burden on you, but if you would let Mr. Milan know that I have been in touch with you about it, and have forwarded his letter describing the property to you, I would appreciate it. From my conversation with Clyde Milan and my correspondence with Clint Milan it is apparent that they are very sincere about this proposition and are anxious to do something with it.

Trusting that everything is going along with you as you would have it, and with warm personal regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Amon C. Carter,  
The Star Telegram,  
Fort Worth, Texas.





Clarksville, Texas  
May 14, 1945

Mr. James A. Farley  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from my brother, Clyde Milan, of the Washington Base Ball Club informing me that he had talked to you about a tract of land in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

There are 9000 acres in this tract of land. At a very conservative estimate I would say 6000 acres of it would be first class citrus fruit land, the balance being good for vegetable growing. I do not have a complete soil analysis of this tract, but the classification runs from Victoria sandy loam to Harlingen clay. This tract is subject to water rights, but the water is not on it at the present time. There has been a survey made for canals in all laterals and the maps are available to show this.

This tract is located approximately five miles north of Mercedes, Texas and is the last good, big tract of land suitable for citrus fruit that is left in that part of the Valley. Mercedes is half way between Brownsville and Mission, Texas.

With water and canals on this land it would very easily sell from a curbstone stand point for \$350 and up per acre. As for colonization this particular tract has wonderful possibilities. I know I could get together a very good sales organization to sell this land at a very good profit for home seekers. I was in that kind of work in the lower Rio Grande Valley before the depression.

From an oil and gas standpoint this land has wonderful possibilities. The Union Sulphur Oil Company had the McCullum Exploration Company to seismograph this block and this 9000 acres was a part of the 24,000 acre seismograph survey. Geologically speaking the McCullum Exploration Company is the best in that part of the country.

To the west of this tract adjoining they drilled several wells in 1933. About five of them produced gas and distillate. If the wells were handled right I am informed by the Union Sulphur Oil Company's superintendent that they would make 60 to 100 million cubic feet of gas per day with a good commercial amount of distillate. At the time these wells were drilled, in 1933, there was no outlet for gas or distillate so the Union Sulphur Company gave up their lease but retained a mortgage of \$175,000 on this particular 9000 acres. They will not subordinate a gas or distillate lease on this tract for anything less than the full amount of mortgage.



There are three or four major companies that have tried or are trying to get a lease on a portion of this land, about 4000 acres, but the insurance companies that own it will not lease.

According to the best geological information that I can get, one should be able to get off on the east flanks of this particular structure and find oil. There is a well known as Number 10 well that goes with this particular property. It has all the formations of the commercial producing gas wells at this time. This well has a sand that is not in the other wells and was not tested that shows on the slumber jay picture which could produce oil, but at the time it was drilled they had no outlet for the gas so they became rather disgusted and ordered the well plugged.

I am informed by their superintendent that this well in his opinion could be reworked at the present time and make around eighty million cubic feet of gas besides testing that upper sand for oil.

The Union Sulphur Oil Company sold their holdings of their wells there to the Gulf State Oil Company and they are selling their gas in the Valley at the present time. That contract will be up in another year and I am led to believe we could get that same contract provided we would drill another well or two.

There are some oil men in Washington, D. C. trying to get a permit to build a pipe line from the Valley to Monterrey, Mexico which is around one hundred miles. They have contact with the steel mills at Monterrey and they are crying for the gas. If this angle could be worked out there could be an unlimited amount of money made from this property from gas and distillate alone. Offhand, I would say you would be the logical person to work this angle out.

These insurance companies want \$75.00 per acre and retain half of the royalty non-participating. I might be able to get a little better price, but regardless of that the land is cheap at that price.

I have in my possession all the geo-physics of the McCullum Exploration Company including the log and slumber jays of each well that has been drilled in that section. I would be glad to send these to you or bring them to you and then you could have some geologist there to advise you from an oil and gas standpoint.

If you are interested I would suggest I meet you or someone representing you and go to the Valley to look this proposition over.



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I will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Clint Milan  
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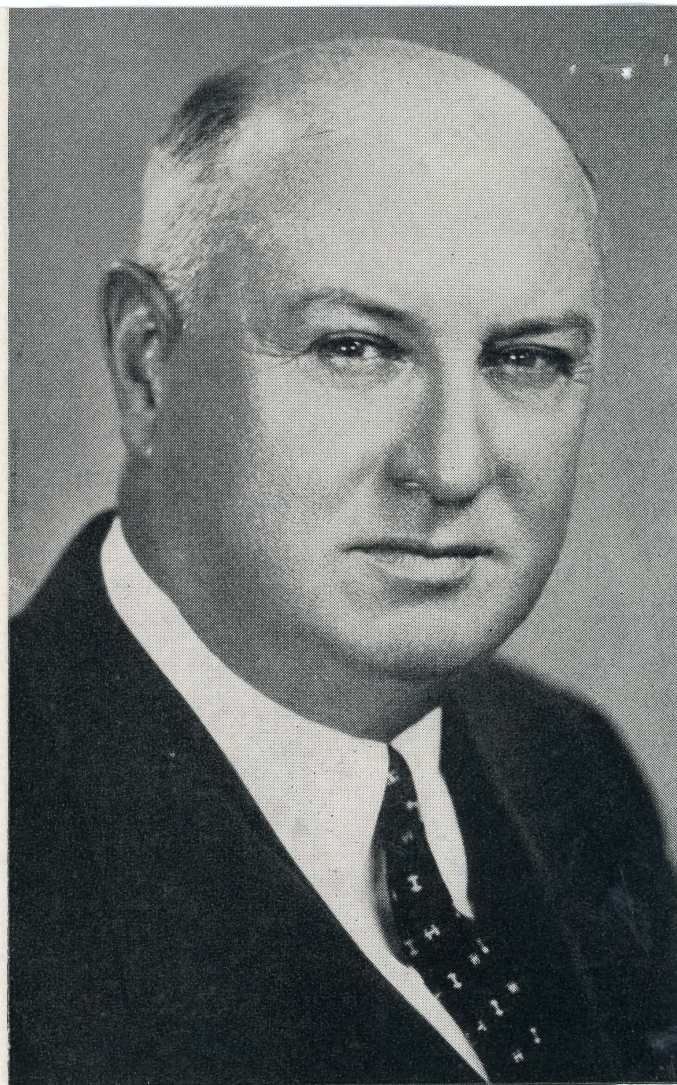
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