

July 19, 1943.

Mr. Sam H. Whitley, President,
East Texas State Teachers College,
Commerce, Texas.

Dear Mr. Whitley:

Your letter of July 16th received
just after Mr. Carter departed for New York by plane.

Meanwhile, Mr. Carter had received
an invitation from Mr. W. A. Thomas, of Dallas, to
attend the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of Hon.
Sam Rayburn on Friday, August 6th at 10:00 o'clock
in the morning, at the East Texas State Teachers
College, and wrote Mr. Thomas that if he returned
from New York in time he would be very happy to
accept the invitation; however that August 6th was too
far off to make any definite plans.

Under the circumstances, I am
confident he would not be able to accept your invi-
tation to introduce Mr. Rayburn on this program.
Mr. Carter is delighted that this recognition is
being bestowed on Mr. Rayburn, who justly deserves it,
and was very happy to join Mr. Sid Richardson and
other of Mr. Rayburns friends in their efforts
in connection with this program.

My suggestion would be to complete
your program without Mr. Carter and in the event he
returns to the State in time to go to Commerce he
can enjoy the program and will be glad to be there.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to A. G. Carter.