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Hon. Amon Carter,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Will Hays left for the East some days ago. Am sorry that it was impossible for us to confer before his departure. He will doubtless see Mr. Jones in Washington.

One of the things to be taken up, according to my understanding, is the selection of a proper person to manage and direct the campaign for funds.

George Young, of the Examiner, has telephoned several times, and messengers from Mr. Chandler have called, inquiring as to what was being done in the matter of active pursuit of the campaign. While I think it very desirable to get started before the period of inertia sets in, I think it of greater importance that the start be a correct one, and under proper management and direction.

Chandler and Young both seem to feel that a campaign without specification of any particular purpose would be unfortunate.

In connection with matters which we have discussed, do you think it would be feasible to have several persons of prominence join in the suggestion to Mr. Garner or Mr. Jones, or both, that the property be preserved in its present state and converted into a park or playground, and the residence maintained with its contents intact. Then Hays' organization would, I am reasonably certain, swing in line with the suggestion that a part of the acreage be acquired for their purposes, on which to establish and maintain a home for old and disabled persons connected with the stage and screen. I am quite certain the latter would meet with hearty sanction and enthusiastic response, and place the industry definitely behind the movement. It would require, of course, some preliminary submission of the plan to the family, with a view to ascertaining whether they were willing that the property be acquired and devoted to the purposes indicated. I am still of the view that the suggestion should come from the East.

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Are you acquainted with Mr. Silsby Spalding, now of Santa Barbara, formerly of Beverly Hills? He and his wife are both people of large means, and have been for many years intimate friends of Mr. Rogers and his family. Mrs. Rogers spent a few days with the Spaldings at Santa Barbara last week. I should have thought of them before in connection with the Committee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, by reasons of their wide acquaintance and the respect in which they are generally held, would be a very valuable acquisition to the Committee. They are people of excellent judgment, and their very considerable wealth would certainly be no objection under the circumstances. Either or both of them would be an acquisition to the Committee, and I hope you may see your way clear toward the suggestion.

The Will was admitted to probate yesterday, and the executors will qualify today. Apparently the insurance is all to be paid without difficulty. Lloyds' have not yet paid, but apparently are awaiting the receipt of the appropriate death certificates from Fairbanks. The officers there have been quite deliberate.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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