

February 6, 1936.

Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, Director,
Will Rogers Memorial Assn.,
570 Lexington Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Eddie:

Your telegram received insisting that I should be present for your Operations Committee Meeting February 13th, at 10:00 A.M. and I have held up answering it for several days to see if it were possible for me to work out my plans to be with you. However, unfortunately, I simply cannot make the grade as much as I regret it.

As stated to you in my previous wire, I see nothing to do but close up the office, collect in the money and the committee to then decide how it is to be used. As stated in my telegram, I can not, for the life of me, see how the aviation industry can lie down and decline to do a job that Juan Trippe promised they would do. I still feel that all of the operating companies, manufacturing companies of every kind and description that supply equipment for airplanes should be urged to do their duty in this respect. Will Rogers was the aviation industry's greatest friend. It would not be a hardship on all of the above companies and manufacturers to raise the balance of the money to pay off your bank indebtedness.

My contribution and expense in connection with this matter has cost over \$3500.00 and many hours of time. There will be no expense on the entire Texas campaign and this same condition should have prevailed on the national setup.

Please express to the other members of the Board my sincere regrets in not being able to be with them for the meeting.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD