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Mrs. Katrine Deakins
c/o Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

My dear Mrs. Deakins:

Thank you very much for your nice reply on the Will Rogers Memorial Tower Carillon project. I do hope that Mr. Carter will be fully recuperated soon, and that he will be able to carry on his activities.

When that time comes, it would be splendid if Mr. Carter would give this particular project sufficient of his time to provide for the consummation of it. For our part, if this project does materialize, we will do everything in our power to have our Carillon installed and ready for playing at the earliest possible time - perhaps for Christmas, 1948, if the decision is reached and the contract signed before long.

Too, I have thought several times, that with such a fine large Carillon situated so ideally (immediate surroundings and geographical location), it would be possible to institute yearly or biennial "Carillon Conclaves" or a Carillon Congress, of Carillon-neers from all over the country or the world, with special concerts and recitals lasting for a week or longer during that time. It would, to say the least, be a good tradition or publicity maker - like some of the great choral festivals in England.

We've had a most bitter and too-long winter up here, but spring seems to have suddenly come upon us, at last, and I envy you-all down there in Texas' climate. Do give my best to Mr. Adams, should you be speaking to him soon.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Beggs

