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Pacific Palisades,
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Mr. Armon G. Carter,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:—

It is unfortunate that time did not permit your coming out to Will Rogers' Ranch before returning to Fort Worth. That is the price one pays for success—too many things to do and too little time in which to do them.

I have a feeling that that was one of the reasons Will Rogers took that flight into now here. Just a chance to get away from the center of things and get a true perspective of things in general.

I know your visits out here bring back many fond but sad memories. In reading about the dedication ceremonies at the Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore, Okla., Nov. 4th 1950, I was glad to learn that Will Rogers

considered his foreword to Charlie Russell's
Trails Plowed Under, the finest
thing he ever wrote — remember,
he read it to you, Mr. C. R. Smith
and Fred Stone when you
visited him here at the ranch?
I have always felt the same
way about it, and, had he
been writing ^{about} you or Fred Stone,
I know he would have said
things which were equally as
fine about each of you. After
almost six-and-one-half years
as curator here at the ranch,
and having talked with hundreds
of thousands of guests, I am sure
that of all Will Rogers' personal
friends, he loved you, Charlie Russell
and Fred Stone most.

Since you were not here
to decide upon the location
of the bronze head of Will Rogers

which you are so graciously sending to us, I am enclosing a large photograph and several postcards of the living room and alcove. They may help you to decide. My choice would be the corner of the alcove where I have marked "x" on the postcard and which corresponds to the "x" marked to the left of the calf in the large photograph. That way it would be in full view when entering from the side or end door. Also, because of the large view window in the alcove it will have excellent lighting. I am anxious to know what your choice will be. Please be assured that I shall do everything possible to see that it is as you would like to have it. And if Will Rogers looks down from heaven

as he pictured Charlie Russell looking
down (in his foreword to Trails Plowed Under),
I am sure you will make
your old friend Will, and all
his friends and admirers who
visit here - very, very happy.

Most sincerely,

E. Louise Zoller.

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