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Mr. Amon G. Carter, Jr.
% Amon G. Carter Museum of Western Art
3501 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing you with regard to the bronze bust of Will Rogers which your father gave to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission in 1949. We have not had this on exhibit since we have the Joe Davidson full size statue in the foyer and the equestrian statue in the parking lot which your father gave, so this bust has been used for loans of short periods.

For several years the American Indian Hall of Fame, located in Anadarko, has wanted a bronze bust of Will Rogers to place there with the other statues of famous Indians. I am wondering whether you would be willing for us to give this bust to them as a permanent loan.

They are anxious to dedicate the Will Rogers bust in October and if they cannot get this particular one (which was made by Electra Wagner) they will have one made, but you know what that involves and so many of them are not life like.

We have talked this over with the members of the Memorial Commission and they are in accord with this plan if it meets with your approval. Full credit would be given to your father for this gift. In fact there is a bronze plate on it which gives the name and dates of Will Rogers'

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life and reads "Presented to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission by Amon G. Carter, 1949."

I suppose none of Will Rogers' friends loved him more sincerely and devotedly than your father. We speak of this many times in the Will Rogers Memorial. Everyone admires the statue in the parking lot which your father gave in 1950.

We would not do anything this is not agreeable to you so please be free to express yourself about this matter.

We hear so many nice things about the Amon Carter Museum and I still am hoping to visit there some day. I wish that you could come out to visit us and see the Memorial again. Please feel free to give me your candid opinion about this bust as it will not leave the Memorial without your permission.

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) *Paula McSpadden*
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Secretary

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