

August 18, 1936.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Hired Hand of Shady Oak Farm will ship to you, by express, August 20th, two "Jumbo" watermelons.

We have had a good season in Texas this year. While the weather is slightly warm right now (which, by the way, is helpful to cotton), the watermelons should be fairly eatable. However, I am afraid the growing of the melons has not received very carefully attention from the Hired Hand. As a matter of fact, he has neglected his farm duties woefully. Most of the time, I find him over at the Frontier Centennial trying to help Billy Rose with his "Jumbo", "Casa Manana" and some of his other remarkable shows. Don't ask me how I happened to find out.

The Fort Worth Frontier Celebration, by the way, has everything, including customers. We were sure about the entertainment, but one never knows about the customers until the time arrives. Fortunately, the much needed and highly necessary persons (the CUSTOMERS) have shown up. You just must find time to visit our Centennial before it closes. All the critics and experts say "Casa Manana" and "The Last Frontier" are two of the greatest shows ever produced in America. "Jumbo" and "The Pioneer Palace" are equally as good.

Just a word about things in Texas. We are getting along better than we have for many years - thanks to you. We have plenty of everything - livestock, agriculture, oil and CHEERFULNESS. Texas is glad it belongs to the Union, and while some of the boys and girls may not be altogether satisfied, they sure would feel hurt if Uncle Sam should decide to give us back to Mexico.

Incidentally, if you will have the melons taken out of the tubs and placed in cold storage for a few days, they will taste a lot better.

I hope you have had a good vacation. We are looking forward to the visit of Johnnie and Franklin. Elliott and I are preparing to give them a real reception.

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

P.S: So far, Jesse has never loosened up with a loan for the Centennial.



They continue to find one technicality after another. As a matter of fact, I don't think he ever intended to make the loan.