

February 24, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Fort Worth Club will be fifty-four years old on June 6th. Back in 1920 Amon Carter was elected President and has held this office continuously since that time.

The first thing he did after his election was to start agitation for a new club building, although we had a six story structure only a few years old. But, he wanted the largest and finest club that all the money he could beg or borrow would permit us to build in Fort Worth - Where the West Begins - at least the finest of any city of Fort Worth's size. And, contrary to many "Doubting Thomases" Mr. Carter was successful in raising the funds and building the new 12-story, \$2,000,000 club which was opened in 1925.

The members of the Club in appreciation of Mr. Carter's efforts raised a fund for the purpose of having a portrait painted and tendering him a complimentary appreciation dinner. The fund was raised promptly but Mr. Carter vetoed the idea of the dinner and we never were able to get him still long enough to have the portrait painted.

Nearly fifteen years have passed and finally the pleas of his friends, family and maybe his age have had their effects and the portrait has been painted by Mr. Seymour Stone of New York, an internationally famous artist. The long delayed appreciation dinner will be given the night of March 9th, at which time the portrait will be formally presented to the Club. Paul Whiteman will be master of ceremonies and his famous orchestra will furnish the music.

Naturally, we would be tickled to be honored with your presence; however, realizing it would be impossible for you to attend, the thought occurred that you might feel disposed to drop a line or send a message to be read at the dinner at the Fort Worth Club, Thursday, March 9th, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully,

Melvin J. Miller,
Chairman, Dinner Committee