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Dear Mr. Carter:-

In writing to you today I am reminded of those memorable visits to Fort Worth and of your many kindnesses to me during my stay. Those were, indeed, happy occasions and I do miss them.

With this letter you will find a Statement of the General Policy and Plans of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation. As it points out, the Foundation in its preliminary work is concentrating on assembling the record of the life and times of President Roosevelt. As it says: "Some of the record exists not on paper anywhere but in the memories of individuals still living; these recollections must be recorded to the fullest possible extent through the means of letters and interviews".

The Foundation feels that you are one of these individuals. The purpose of this letter is, then, to ask your aid in this project. I know that you talked often with President Roosevelt during his years in office, and as publisher of one of the most important Southern newspapers you were in a position to observe and comment upon the many aspects of his Administration. The social and economic problems of our nation, many of which reached the crucial stage during these years, have affected profoundly the lives of all of us, whether we were business leaders, government administrators, salaried people, or workers. If this was true during the depression years, it became even more clear during the defense effort and in the war years themselves.

For these reasons, and for many others which will occur to you, we ask if you will be good enough to prepare a detailed memorandum of your recollections of your relationships with the President which probably go back to the days when he ran for the Vice Presidency in 1920, and continued during this period. Throughout this busy period of your life, President Roosevelt discussed with you many topics and sought your advice and counsel. We know that a review by you of your associations with him and others of his Administration, and your comments on the various phases of the government

programs, which you had occasion to observe, will be of great interest for future historical research into this era of our nation's life. And, of course we very much want you to include some material covering Texas politics during that period.

It would be helpful if you will submit any documents and files which you may have of interest to the Foundation, including your recollections of whatever conversations you had with President Roosevelt, and also references in your manuscript to documents, letters or memoranda from him and to him from you. It may be that you might prefer to send them in photostat form, or if you wish, the Foundation will make arrangements to photostat the originals and return them to you.

When you submit your memorandum, it will be placed in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Library at Hyde Park. This is an agency of the government and is supervised by the National Archives, as you may know. If for any reason you wish to have your own manuscript placed in some other library, we can make arrangements to microfilm it for the Hyde Park Library. If in your opinion any part of your memorandum should not be immediately available for historical research, you may place upon that part a condition that it be sealed in confidence for such period of time as you wish.

It is now nearly three years since the President died. Human recollection being what it is, the Foundation feels it is already late to begin assembling this material. With this we are sure you will agree.

I do hope all goes well with you and your family, and that the New Year will be a bright and prosperous one for all of you.

With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

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P.S. I hope sometime when you are in Washington you will run in and see our Headquarters -- and incidentally me!

