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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Amon:

Many thanks for your first day cover, including the blocks of the new twenty and fifty cent transpacific airmail stamps. This will serve as a valuable addition to the transpacific collection.

I also want to acknowledge your letter of February 11th, relating to the first flight to Hong Kong. The final details are not completed owing to last minute difficulties in China which Bixby is encountering as a result of hostile Japanese influence that develops from time to time, even within the Chinese official government circles. In any event the first westbound flight will not now leave until March 31st, at the earliest.

I agree with you, it would be unfortunate if the China Clipper could not make this trip. The ship that will actually make the run depends entirely on the departure date as two ships are out on the run at the same time and consequently they have to work in rotation. Other things being equal we will, of course, try to pick the date when the China Clipper is scheduled to go. When this is definitely decided I will let you know in order that you may properly mark your covers.

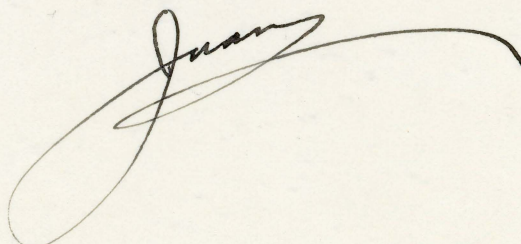
In the hectic rush for dinner last Monday I did not have a chance to tell you that, in my opinion, the most interesting covers will be those directed to Shanghai. The Chinese Government, I think is going to finally agree to use a special cachet we are preparing for them and will also back stamp all covers with a Shanghai date mark. I will add all details with my letter to you as soon as it is available.

Mr. Amon G. Carter
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It was nice seeing you and Ed. Swazey again last Monday night, our first meeting since we all separated in Hong Kong. Betty and I much appreciated your hospitality and are hoping that on your next trip to New York you will save an open evening and plan to join us at dinner so that we can compare notes and perhaps see the movies that Betty took covering the flight through China, Europe, India and back from Rio.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Juan", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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