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Hon. Wingate Lucas,
House Office Building,
WASHINGTON D C.

Dear Mr. Lucas:

The following night letter has been sent to the President inviting him to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show:

"My dear Mr. President: I have been informed that the tentative schedule of your Mexican trip calls for you to stop in Waco on March 5 to accept the degree awarded you some time ago by Baylor University.

"The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show opens in Fort Worth on that night. Waco is only ninety miles from Fort Worth and, inasmuch as the ceremonies likely will be in the morning or early afternoon, it would be easily possible for you to attend the opening rodeo performance on that night. Your appearance would involve no speechmaking or other public activity, unless you so desired.

"The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is one of the largest in the nation. Its rodeo was the pioneer indoor event of its kind. It has been encouraging the breeding of better livestock for more than 50 years and of recent years directing its efforts to the 4-H and Future Farmers' boys and girls. It draws its livestock exhibits and its attendance from the entire Southwest, and for the past several years every one of its rodeo performances has been a sellout.

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"As chairman of the Exposition's board of directors, I wish to invite you, on their behalf, to be with us on this night, and, if your schedule will not permit, on any date that it will. The show lasts through March fifteen.

"The people of Fort Worth and West Texas would greatly appreciate a visit from you, and I sincerely hope you can arrange it. Sincerely, Amon Carter."

Copy of the telegram to the President has also been telegraphed to Sam Rayburn and telegrams similar to it have been sent to the President by Mayor Carnrike and Melvin Miller, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

Amon Carter.

January 30, 1947