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Hon. Sam Rayburn
House Office Building
WASHINGTON D C

Dear Sam:

I have sent the President the following night letter:

"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.

"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."

Similar invitations have been telegraphed by Mayor Carnrike and Melvin Miller, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

I hope you give us the fullest support and that, by all means, you accompany him to Texas, and particularly to Fort Worth. I am confident the Stock Show and rodeo are something that both you and the President would enjoy.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Amon Carter.

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