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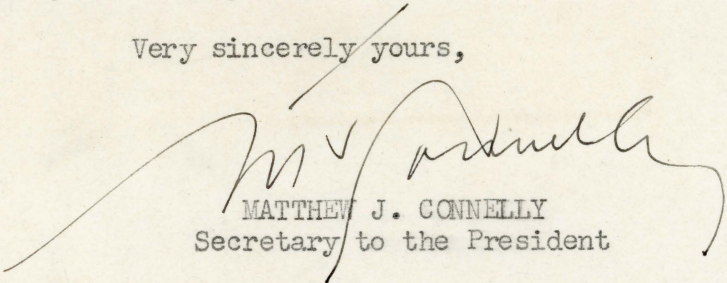
My dear Mr. Carter:

The President has asked me to thank you most heartily for your message of January thirtieth, inviting him to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth on his forthcoming trip to Mexico City. He is grateful, too, for your invitation which has come to him through Congressman Lucas to unveil the Will Rogers statue.

Although the President would be happy indeed if it were possible for him to attend both of these events, the schedule for his trip is necessarily a tight one and the only stop arranged either going or coming is the one at Waco, which has already been announced. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to add to this itinerary and the President regrets exceedingly, therefore, that he cannot accept your gracious invitations.

The President is confident that you will fully understand the situation, and has asked me to be sure to send you his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,



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