

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AUSTIN, TEXAS

BEAUFORD H. JESTER
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April 18, 1949

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

My dear Amon:

I have your letter of April 16th and assure you it is a pleasure to comply with your suggestion and request that I invite President Truman to dedicate the Big Bend Park.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I am mailing today to President Truman.

It will be a pleasure to coordinate with you in an effort to get President Truman in Texas and also to add my invitation to the Department of State's invitation to President Aleman of Mexico to take part in the dedication ceremonies.

Assuring you of my pleasure to cooperate with you, I am

Yours most sincerely

Enclosure



BEAUFORD H. JESTER

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C President Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Truman:

I wish to cordially and urgently invite you to come to Texas to dedicate the Big Bend Park.

This is the only remaining national park which has not formally been dedicated and accepted for the nation by a President.

This is a great national park and it is also a very important national park as it borders Mexico.

It is the hope of the officials of the National Park Service, the Big Bend Park Association and the Texas State Parks Board that you can select a date to dedicate this park and that we, after being given this date, can through the Department of State, send an invitation to President Miguel Aleman of Mexico, which I will happily supplement, to take part in this dedication. It would be very historic if this dedication could also be a commemoration of the one hundred one years of peace between the two Republics since the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed.

I fully realize the enormity of your duties in Washington and the multitudinous requests you receive from all over these United States for important appearances, but I regard this as a most important appearance for you to make for the reasons here and above stated.

With my very best personal regards to you, Mrs. Truman and Margaret, I am

Yours most sincerely.

bcc: Mr. Amon G. Carter Fort Worth, Texas