Jones Acts on Midway Port

DALLAS, Aug. 31 (AP).—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones has recommended that the administration building of the proposed Midway Airport be placed on the north side of the port approximately halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

In a letter to Mayor Rodgers of Dallas, Jones proposed the depot side be moved from the west site of the airport to the northwest corner on the new North Highway between the two cities.

The Commerce Secretary wrote that Dallas and Fort Worth would need individual airports "as air traffic expands," but the Midway should be sponsored and supported by both cities as well as by Arlington, and should serve the two cities as their joint airport.

"Undoubtedly, Transcontinental lines serving the Dallas-Fort Worth territory will not want to make two stops within a distance of 30 miles, and should not be required to do so."

Referring to a hearing granted representatives of both cities in Washington last March 22, Jones wrote Mayor Rodgers:

"At my suggestion, the Civil Aeronautical Administration has outlined an extension and revision of the port . . . which places the facilities (administration building) facing the highway so that the port is equally accessible to both cities. It takes nothing from the port as originally outlined, and adds some ground that may be useful later.

"I feel very strongly that Dallas and Fort Worth should be co-sponsors of this airport along with Arlington.

"I have submitted this letter to the Civil Aeronautics Board, and while board members do not feel they should take any part in a purely local matter of this character, because of rulings they may be called on to make, I can say unofficially that they concur in these views. The Civil Aeronautics Administrator also concurs."

Jones' decision on the request filed at the March 22 hearing came after Dallas authorities had agreed to abandon sponsorship of Midway Airport and to construct what has been proposed as a super-airport to be located less than 10 miles from the downtown area.