

June 30, 1933.

Hon. R. S. Sterling,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Governor:

I appreciated your one-line message of commendation and congratulation, which absence from the city has prevented answering sooner. But unfortunately, neither is deserved. Nothing happened of the nature pictured in some newspaper accounts, particularly that of the United Press, which contradicted itself. My meeting with the Fergusons was cordial; I greeted them upon arrival; presented them to Mrs. Roosevelt; presented Mrs. Carter to them and we all had a pleasant chat for some ten or fifteen minutes; and at its close the Fergusons bade the party goodbye and departed for the city. They understood perfectly, as both said in statements to the newspapers, that the breakfast at the Dallas airport was a private affair for Mrs. Roosevelt's small party and after that arranged for downtown had been called off, they did not expect to attend. There was no discourtesy, implied or otherwise.

As to the photograph incident, of which so much was made, a lot of photos were taken upon the arrival of Mrs. Roosevelt's plane and upon its departure. But the Fergusons were not at the airport when she arrived nor when she departed. Colonel Alvin Owsley did suggest to me something about having Mrs. Roosevelt pose with the Fergusons but I referred him to Mrs. Roosevelt with the statement that I was not her manager. Mrs. Roosevelt made some remark about having been photographed enough and about being warned to avoid occurrences with political significance.

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With very best wishes and again, thanking you, I am,

Yours truly,