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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

August 21, 1937.

Honorable Harllee Branch,
Second Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harllee:

The Pan American Airways terminates its operations at Brownsville, Texas, and from there to Fort Worth the passengers come over the Braniff route - some of them going North over the Braniff line, some going North and West over the American Airlines, while others terminate their journey here. In other words, the flow of traffic from Brownsville has been through Fort Worth and Dallas ever since air transportation was established in Texas. Nearly all of the passengers and nearly all of the mail which comes through the Brownsville gateway destined for the Northeast or West come through Fort Worth now.

Eastern Air Lines operates from New York to New Orleans, through Houston, and are now making a strenuous effort to get the Postmaster General to authorize a route from Houston, through Corpus Christi, to Brownsville. Their purpose, of course is to endeavor to divert the traffic now coming through the Fort Worth gateway to the route through Houston and New Orleans to New York.

It is our opinion that better service can be expected through the Fort Worth gateway for South American and Mexican traffic than can be offered through the Houston gateway, and we can see no justifiable or good reason for an additional route to serve the Brownsville gateway. Of course, Houston will say they should have a direct route into Brownsville; but, there is certainly not enough traffic from Houston alone to Brownsville to inaugurate another service to take care of it.

Doubtless, Atlanta is anxious to have the extension through Houston to Brownsville because it will increase the traffic through their territory, the same was as it will through Houston. I should imagine that a lot of your friends are endeavoring to persuade you that the line from Houston, through Corpus Christi, to Brownsville should be authorized. Naturally, we are

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all human and I can appreciate the difficulties, if I were in your place and some of my friends from Fort Worth were appealing to me regarding a similar situation. Notwithstanding this, I still feel that we are entitled to the continuation of this traffic as originally planned and as is now handled - at the same time I am sure you will give the matter a fair and impartial consideration and I hope we may have your friendly cooperation in maintaining the same status that we now enjoy regarding this traffic.

As you know, Fort Worth has just recently completed a new Administration Building, one of the finest to be found in the United States, modern in every respect and we are tremendously interested in our air activities.

With best wishes and trusting you will see fit to give us your favorable consideration in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

A. G. Carter