

May 18, 1933.

Mr. Lester D. Seymour,
AMERICAN AIRWAYS, INC.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Seymour:

Mr. Carter is absent from the city, and I am just getting around to answering your two letters of May 1 and May 12, on account of my own absence from the city and lack of opportunity to investigate the matters mentioned.

I have just had a talk with the City Manager, who tells me that both matters have been in process of development and that a test is to be made this afternoon on the water supply to see if there is sufficient pressure to meet your requirements. He is of the opinion there will be, since there is a 10-inch line to the field and there has only recently been completed a 20-inch line supplying the North Side. The latter is in addition to a 12-inch line. The sewer line has been under construction and is about two-thirds completed. He said it would be finished and in service within the next three weeks.

Now, as to the question brought up in your letter of May 12. I imagine the city of Fort Worth could easily bring the airport technically within the city limits, as it is city property, and as was done years ago with Lake Worth, the then chief water supply. Whether to do such, from your standpoint, would be advisable I am in doubt. I am not entirely familiar with your contract with respect to taxation, but bringing the field within the city limits naturally would subject all of your equipment of a stationary character to city taxation. There is such a wide spread between the rate for state and county purposes and that for city purposes that the benefits to be obtained through lower insurance rates might be more than offset by the difference in taxation. Not being intimately acquainted with your situation, I can not say this would be the case; but, certainly, it would raise a question that a careful investigation, I should think, would be necessary before a determination.

Mr. Fairtrace, the City Manager, assured me that

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the city officials had been working in cooperation with your architects and engineers, and that every effort was being made to speed the city's end of the work and to have its part of the job completed by the time the new hangars were ready for use.

If we can be of any assistance to you, we shall be glad to serve, of course.

Yours very truly,

J M NORTH JR,
Editor.