

Telegram

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W. O. Jones  
City Manager  
Fort Worth, Texas

Our difficulties as between Fort Worth and Dallas always stem from the natural reluctance of the citizens of Fort Worth to go to Dallas for any of their air transportation and the natural reluctance of the citizens of Dallas to go to Fort Worth for any of their air transportation. You are familiar with the complaints which arise in Fort Worth from this cause but we receive here a similar number of complaints from Dallas, on the basis that they must go to Fort Worth for some of their schedules. Paragraph.

There may always be some schedules operated from one of the two cities which will be attractive enough to the citizens of the other city to warrant their coming over to board the airplane but it has been our policy all along to provide from the total of the schedules available to us convenient service to each of the cities and schedules in keeping with the demand in the city for air transportation to the place where the schedule is destined. Paragraph.

You will find no air carrier more grateful than American for the privilege of serving both Fort Worth and Dallas and none better equipped or more anxious to do a good job for each and both of the cities. We try not to get in the middle of intercity arguments by doing the best we can for each and both and that we will continue to undertake. Paragraph.

Answering your question specifically when the airport or an airport at Fort Worth is available which will meet the operating specifications and requirements of the Civil Aeronautics Administration for the normal operation of our aircraft we will provide a service from Fort Worth to Mexico. Paragraph.

We cannot promise that all of the service which we operate through Texas to Mexico will operate through Fort Worth for the obvious reason that if we do that we will then have the identical difficulty at Dallas which you now bring to our attention from Fort Worth. We provide service from both Fort Worth and Dallas to New York and from Fort Worth and Dallas to Chicago and Los Angeles and we will provide in the future service from Fort Worth to Mexico and service from Dallas to Mexico. Paragraph.

I cannot tell you how much service we will have from Fort Worth to Mexico or how much service we will have from Dallas to Mexico for that will be dependent upon the total demand and total business but you will have service from Fort Worth to Mexico without having to go to Dallas when the airport is suitable for the operation of the larger aircraft. Paragraph.

I do not know enough of the detail of your airport plans to be of much counsel value to you. We have already received the first of the DC6 airplanes and these will be in operation in the early part of the year. You will be wanting these airplanes to serve Fort Worth and you will want your airport capable of being served by them. Whether or not that can be accomplished by further improvements of the present airport or whether it would be better to take all funds available and spend them on the new airport I do not know. If I or any of our operating people can be of aid in formulating your airport program let me know and we will be glad to be of assistance.

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