

Mr. Carter:

This information on the highway from the Midway airport came from Dewitt Greer, chief engineer of the highway commission:

WPB issued a stop order on the road into Dallas but gave the commission fifteen days in which to comply. Work was speeded up in that period to such an extent that all the grading was finished. Specifications for the paving, etc. had been filed in Washington to gain the necessary approval. Greer says probably this approval now will not be given in view of the WPB stop order.

No reason was given for the stop order. However, Greer assumes that it was due to the war policy. No war materials were being used, though.

The WPB order was a surprise to the highway department because the road had been approved previously by Texas highway commission, by the federal bureau of roads and by army engineers.

Have wired Timmons to see if any developments at Washington end.

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