

The Speaker's Rooms
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Uvalde, Texas.
July 27, 1932

Hon. Amon Carter
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am warning you at the start that I will write a letter, longer than the moral law, and you will be justified in saying "just like a woman"; however it takes a long letter to fully state all that I have to say.

The reception accorded Mr. Garner from the time of crossing the Texas line until he reaches San Antonio, and then some more at Uvalde, was a complete surprise. It would not be human if he had not been greatly gratified, and it gave me many "thrills", but it seems there must always be the bitter with the sweet. You, doubtless, read some of the venomous and vicious criticisms of his having made talks along the route-these by the eastern press- charging him with trying to take "front page" as it were, forgetting that he was not the nominee for the Presidency etc. Of course we realize that this is all for the purpose of creating a rift, but such further criticisms must be avoided. For that reason, Mr. Garner has declined to make any further talks until after he has had a conference with Governor Roosevelt. Houston wanted to get up a great occasion in his honor, but he has expressed his appreciation and declined.

All this leading up to what I want to say to you. When Mr. Garner planned to arrange a stop in Fort Worth it was just to visit YOU, and that plan still holds. According to his plans he will have several hours in Fort Worth, can have a visit with you and such of your friends as you care to gather together, but he will positively not make a public talk - it must be confined to greetings between friends, and all politics left out. Should he make the mistake of a public talk he would merit the criticisms which would be sure to follow.

Mr. Huff has most kindly "wished" his private car on Mr. Garner from San Antonio to St. Louis, and as the schedule planned will not only meet his arrangements, but also the most desirable time to arrive in Albany, Mr. Garner is anxious to adhere to the arrangement.

Mr. Garner is out in the country every hour possible- recuperation from the terrible strain he has been under cannot be achieved in a day or two, but will take several weeks, and when he feels fully fit he will make his final plans for leaving here.

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I note with regret that you were laid up after the election and sincerely hope that you are perfectly recovered by now. I am happy to say that this out of door living is keeping Mr. Garner from catching colds as he did in Washington.

You will have to pardon Mr. Garner for not having replied to your telegram giving your interpretation of the Chicago Convention. Unless you had been there you could never conceive of what he had to try to put through during the last two weeks of the session. He was hounded, you might say, from every side and could give no time or thought to anything else, and every one in the office was about in the same fix.

In conclusion I will repeat that the kind of visit Mr. Garner wants with you is just one of friend with friend, and not one of a political nature at all. All that can come later if it seems necessary and desired.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially your friend,

E. R. Garner
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Secretary.