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Texas State Highway Department
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Greer:

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We are now in receipt of a reply stating that no commitment can be made by the Federal government for financing as of any particular date, and in view of the present status of access-road funds we must take the position that we will contribute \$640,500 to the project, if and when access-road funds become available in sufficient amount to permit us to program \$640,500 to this project on the basis of its relative merits. The suggestion is made that the City proceed at once with right-of-way acquisition using their own funds, to the end that the project can be advanced to active construction status immediately following a decision on access-road funds. We will appreciate your discussing this suggestion with the city officials of Fort Worth and advising us of their reaction.

It is regrettable that the people whose homes will be moved when construction is undertaken cannot be specifically informed as to the probable date their properties will be required. Under the circumstances as at present there is no satisfactory reply we can make to their inquiries.

Very truly yours,

Signed: J.A. Elliott
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cc: Mr. Garrett

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