

August 29, 1940

Mr. W. W. Argebrite
Superintendent Los Angeles Division
Railway Express Agency, Inc.
357 Aliso Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Wade:

We have an inquiry from Mr. H. Hittson, Manager of the Forest Park Zoo in Ft. Worth, Texas, relative to the transportation of a small consignment of native California humming birds by air express to Ft. Worth.

Apparently Mr. Hittson's agent was correctly informed that humming birds are classified as livestock and therefore in accordance with the tariff, not acceptable for transportation in air express service.

However, I believe the enforcement of this regulation is left to the discretion of the individual lines and as the shipment is small, and not likely to give offense to passengers, we are willing to handle it on our planes.

It is understood these birds are very delicate and require feeding every hour during the daytime. The movement should therefore be set up for either flight 4 or 8 to obviate the necessity for feeding en route and I think we should secure a release from the shipper, as we know nothing of the effects of altitude on humming birds.

Mr. Hittson or his agent will undoubtedly get in touch with you shortly and I would appreciate it if you will set up the necessary arrangements.

Very truly yours,

H. T. Stallter
Manager
Air Express Service

MTS:esr

bcc: A. R. Bone -
S. Faulkner -

There may be some good publicity in this. Suggest you follow through with Wade Argabrite.

bcc: C. A. Rheinstrom - 2

If Mr. Hittson will have his agent contact Argabrite the matter will receive proper attention.