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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

March 8, 1944.

Admiral C. W. Nimitz,
Commander in Chief,
United States Pacific Fleet,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Admiral Nimitz:

Your letter of February 1st received advising that Admiral Halsey had informed you of my having received one of your caps, sent in exchange for my Stetson hat which was sent you in connection with the Texas Roundup. I owe you an apology for not sooner acknowledging receipt of the cap which I shall treasure as one of my prize possessions, along with the world globe that Admiral Dewey used on the U. S. S. Olympia at the Battle of Manila Bay and which was presented to me a few years ago by the officers of the Chase National Bank of New York following a visit they had paid me in Fort Worth.

Admiral Halsey is sending me one one of his caps for my collection. General Richardson also sent me one.

It was a real pleasure to send you the hat although I was somewhat embarrassed not to be able to send a new hat and the correct size, carrying your name embossed in gold in the sweat band. This was impossible due to the fact that the Stetson Company has not been making any hats for quite some time; meanwhile if you will have your Aide or someone send your correct size, I will be glad, at the first available opportunity, to have a new hat made especially for you.

I am not sure whether you received a copy of the Star-Telegram carrying the story as well as a picture in connection with the celebration on January 16th or not, so I am enclosing one herewith. I also want to thank you for the autographed picture. Admiral Halsey got quite a kick out of seeing you in a big 10-Gallon hat. I asked him if he would be willing to wear a Texas hat. He replied in the affirmative but stated he felt sure I could not fit him as he wore a 7 3/4. Much to the Admiral's surprise, I found a 7 3/4 special Shady Oak Farm Amon Carter hat and presented it to the Admiral,

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naturally, a much smaller hat than that sent to you. He walked around in the room with the hat on. Mrs. Halsey and all of us thought it very becoming.

In your letter of the 11th, you acknowledged the special package given you by Admiral Halsey's flag lieutenant. I am glad to know it arrived safely. In fact, I am acknowledging the letter from Admiral Halsey dated February 5th in which I am informing him that you had notified me that you had received the special bottle. I told the Admiral this was a further evidence of my appreciation of his integrity.

Frank Mason, an old friend of mine who was recently your guest in Honolulu, told me of the fine Texas reception he received in your quarters over the radio. He also told me your "four wheel brake story" which I repeated to Admiral Halsey as in the Saturday Evening Post stories by Lt. Bryan III, he stated there were only two things that he feared: one was Friday the thirteenth and the other was riding in a plane with Admiral Nimitz.

I notice from the newspapers that you are in Washington and while I do not wish you any unnecessary delay, nothing would please us more for you on this trip or some other trip to stop off and spend the night with us in Fort Worth. As President of the Fort Worth Club, I extend you the courtesy of the port, so-to-speak, and the presidential quarters will be at your disposal. Having been president of the Fort Worth Club for the past twenty-four years, I feel no hesitancy in tendering the offer.

We are eagerly watching your activities with admiration, respect, anticipation and expectation and hope you give them the works as fast and as often as consistent. Having an only son, 24 years old, who has now been a prisoner of war in Germany for more than a year, I am anxious for him to have an opportunity to come home together with all of the other boys.

At the time of Admiral Halsey's visit in Fort Worth I told him about being elected as President of the Wake Island Chamber of Commerce at the time we spent the night there in 1937 enroute

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to Hong Kong by the first Pan-American Clipper.
I am anxious to have my constituents back in the
proper fold.

Please pardon this long rambling
letter and again with the assurance that we in Texas,
America as well as all the Allied countries, appreciate
the great job you are doing . More power to you!

Sincerely,

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P.S: General H. H. Arnold and Major General
Harold L. George are arriving in Fort Worth and will
be my guests for the opening of the Southwestern
Cattle Show and Rodeo.