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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 30, 1925.

Mr. Amon G. Carter,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Amon:

With reference to your recent letter about the air field at Fort Worth, I beg to say that I have again had a conference with General Patrick about this matter. I am enclosing a copy of a self-explanatory letter I have just received from him. I am sending a similar copy to Mayor Meacham. General Patrick states that the Air Service has no surplus covering for hangars and is now having to buy such material. If the frame work be desired, in accordance with the terms of his letter, I shall be glad to do all I can at this end of the line to expedite the matter. It is a pleasure to me to be of such service as I can.

With cordial regards and every good wish for a happy and successful New Year, I am

Sincerely your friend,

*Fritz G. Lanham.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Air Service  
Washington

December 28, 1925.

Hon. Fritz G. Lanham,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lanham:

With reference to your visit to my office and to the correspondence concerning the possibility of furnishing an Air Service hangar for use at the Fort Worth flying field, I have looked into this matter quite thoroughly. The correspondence in the case is returned to you herewith in accordance with your request.

His Honor, the Mayor of Fort Worth, is in error in believing that Selfridge Field is to be abandoned, nor do I know of any plan for locating a field at Beaumont or elsewhere in Texas.

Now specifically as to furnishing a hangar for this Fort Worth Field, as a matter of fact, the Air Service is buying hangars and hangar material. There is little or no surplus hangar material on hand. It is possible that there may be some of the frame work which might be made available for this field. I know that there is none of the siding which can be spared and which must be used to cover the hangar frame. Of course there are no Air Service funds which will be used for transporting or erecting a hangar at Fort Worth at present. Furthermore, any of the framing which is available would have to be shipped from Columbus, Ohio or Middletown, Pennsylvania. The loading and freight charges will be considerable.

While I appreciate the enterprise shown by the people of Fort Worth, while I know that the field now available there is an excellent one, and while I have every desire to assist this worthy cause, it seems to me probable that it would be less costly for the city to erect a hangar out of material which is no doubt available there than to attempt to secure one or parts of one from the Air Service. I make this suggestion in order that those interested in Fort Worth may give it consideration. If, however, they still think that it would be better to have such help as I can give, I will in the meantime look into the matter further and let you or the Mayor know specifically what we could supply, with the understanding repeated that this will involve no cost to the Government.

I regret very much that I cannot do more, and with kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,  
Signed Mason M. Patrick, Major General, A. S.,  
Chief of Air Service.