

TODAY IS AN EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF FORT WORTH AND TEXAS AND ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE RAPID PROGRESS OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

I HAVE EAGERLY LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS DAY WHEN THE LEADERS OF AVIATION WOULD GATHER WITH OUR HOMEFOLKS TO DEDICATE NOT MERELY ANOTHER AIRPORT BUT ONE OF THE TOP AIRPORTS OF AMERICA AND SURELY ONE OF THE SAFEST AIRPORTS IN THE NATION. IT IS CAPABLE OF SERVING THE NEEDS NOT ONLY OF FORT WORTH BUT CAN TAKE CARE OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION PASSENGERS A YEAR. IT IS SO DESIGNED THAT AS THOSE NEEDS INCREASE - AS THEY SURELY WILL WITH THE RAPID GROWTH OF THIS GREAT STATE AND COMMERCIAL AVIATION - THEY CAN BE MET WITH MINIMUM EXPENSE.

TO FORT WORTH, TODAY'S CEREMONIES REPRESENT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A LONG CHERISHED AMBITION. TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS OF FORT WORTH AIR TERMINAL, INC., THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, THE CAA, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHERS WITH WHOM I AM HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH IN FORWARDING THE MOVEMENT, IT IS A DREAM COME TRUE.

THE GREATER FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPRESENTS THE EFFORTS OF MANY, NOT THE FEW, AND CIVIC COOPERATION AT ITS BEST. THE TAX-PAYERS CONTRIBUTED \$4,623,000.00 FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION. THE CAA MATCHED THE CITY'S

EXPENDITURES TO THE LIMIT OF ITS AUTHORITY, AND COOPERATED IN OTHER
RESPECTS AT ALL TIMES. THE AIRLINES AND THE CONCESSIONAIRES FURNISHED,
THEIR OWN FACILITIES. THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL REPRESENT MORE THAN
\$12,000,000.00 THE AIRPORT COST. ³⁰ THE CITY COUNCILS, THE CITY MANAGER, THE
COUNTY OFFICIALS, THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND ENGINEERS, DEL RENTZEL
AND CHARLIE HORNE, TWO FORMER ADMINISTRATORS OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS
AUTHORITY, WHO HAVE WORKED ENERGETICALLY AND ~~WHOLE~~ HEARTEDLY AND WITHOUT
WHOSE COOPERATION THIS PROJECT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARRIED THROUGH TO ITS
COMPLETION, OSWALD RYAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, L. C.
ELLIOTT AND ED TRAVIS AND THEIR ORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL CAA REGIONAL
OFFICES AND MANY OTHERS THAT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO INCLUDE WHO
HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, ~~TO ALL OF THEM~~, I JOIN
FORT WORTH IN EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION.

NATURALLY, I HAD HOPED TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S CEREMONIES; TO
WELCOME SECRETARY OF THE AIR TALBOTT, WHO TOOK TIME FROM HIS BUSY SCHEDULE
TO COME TO FORT WORTH AND DEDICATE THE GREATER FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, AND TO GREET OUR OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO
HAVE HONORED US BY TAKING TIME FROM THEIR BUSY LIVES IN DISTANT PLACES

TO BE WITH US TODAY, BUT MY DOCTORS SAID "NO". I ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS
A KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME NOT TO BE WITH YOU; HOWEVER, I AM WITH
YOU IN SPIRIT AND EXPECT TO BE BACK ON THE JOB SOON AND TO ENDEAVOR TO
CONTRIBUTE MY PART TO THE AIRPORT, ITS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

MY BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU AND AGAIN MY KEEN REGRET AT NOT
BEING WITH YOU.

THANK YOU MR. TALBOTT, ALSO MRS. TALBOTT FOR YOUR GRACIOUS
PRESENCE.

SIGNED

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PRESIDENT FORT WORTH AIR TERMINAL, INC