



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1943

Dear Amon:

I have before me a copy of Administrator Stanton's letter of May 14th to William Holden, about the Midway Airport.

It would seem to me that additional land might be acquired on the west side of the present airport to provide space for the Administration buildings and an entrance to the airport facing the road from Fort Worth to Dallas.

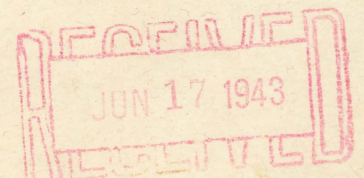
I think that Fort Worth and Dallas should both become sponsors of the Midway Airport. I am thinking of the service generally, and not of any rivalry between the two cities.

Trusting that all goes well with you and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James H. Jones", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Amon Carter  
Fort Worth, Texas



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May 14, 1943

Mr. William Holden  
Executive Vice President  
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Holden:

Reference is made to your letter of April 8 pointing out that Dallas has renounced all interest in the Arlington Airport, and reaffirming the willingness of Fort Worth to join with Arlington in the development of the airport.

I have delayed replying to you because we have been exploring the situation to see if there may not be some solution to the apparent impasse which has developed. As you well realize, the problem concerns the Civil Aeronautics Board as well as the Civil Aeronautics Administration. If Dallas proceeds in accordance with the clippings you enclosed, it will probably develop an airport much more conveniently located with respect to the business and residential areas of Dallas than is the Arlington site. No doubt it would then demand that all air carrier schedules stop at the new airport and on the basis of the comparative volume of air traffic, it is difficult to see how such could be denied except possibly on some schedules which operate at times unfavorable to the local people and, therefore, are little patronized. If this reasoning holds, that would mean continuance of the double stopping and attendant loss of time.

I can see no objection to Fort Worth becoming a sponsor for the Midway Airport. However, the CAB and this office feel that the Midway Airport should be made equally accessible to both Fort Worth and Dallas, regardless of how many airports these separate cities may determine to build in their own immediate vicinities. Those responsible for the operation of the airlines, and determination of the schedules and stops which will best serve the public convenience have an interest in the matter greater than any rivalry that may exist between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Sincerely yours,

C. I. Stanton  
Administrator

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April 8, 1943

Mr. L. Welch Pogue, Chairman  
Civil Aeronautics Board  
Department of Commerce Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pogue:

The attached copy of letter to Mr. Stanton is self explanatory.

As our committee advised you when we called on you recently, Fort Worth leaders had been reluctant to do anything that would ultimately mean the giving up of our own airport, but in order to cooperate with the government and the airlines we had agreed to join in the Midway Airport project.

The officials and leaders of Dallas apparently have decided to withdraw from any further support of the Midway Airport and develop their own field. We, of course, cannot object to their doing what seems best to them in this matter.

We hope that we will not be asked to give up our own port and use the Midway field for main transport flights until such time as aviation development makes it absolutely necessary and that even then our port will continue to be used for other commercial purposes; but still, we are willing to cooperate as indicated by the attached letter.

While we realize that your Board will not be taking any action in this matter in the near future, we desire to have you know our attitude.

Yours very truly,

FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By William Holden, Executive Vice President

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