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December 7, 1935

Hon. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a telegram received from Governor Marland of Oklahoma and a copy of my reply.

Unless you think the matter should be dealt with immediately, I shall put it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

John W. Elwood
John W. Elwood
Acting Director

Enclosures: 2

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CAPT E V RICKENBACKER WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
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DECEMBER 4, 1935

AT A MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE YESTERDAY
IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE COULD AND WOULD MAKE A DRIVE FOR FUNDS IN OKLA-
HOMA GIVING TO THE PEOPLE THE ASSURANCE THAT ALL FUNDS RAISED IN THE
STATE WOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THE HOSPITALIZATION OF
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT CLAREMORE OKLAHOMA STOP IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE STOP
I HOPW YOU WILL CONSULT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY
AND WIRE ME THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN ALSO INDICATING WHAT PERCENT
OF THE AMOUNT RAISED NATIONALLY YOU CAN GIVE TO OKLAHOMA TO SUPPLEMENT
THE FUNDS RAISED HERE STOP WE ARE SETTING A MARK OF ONE HUNDRED THOU-
SAND DOLLARS STOP OUR CAMPAIGN AWAITS YOUR REPLY

E W MARLAND GOVERNOR

(REPLY)

GOVERNOR E W MARLAND
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

DECEMBER 6, 1935

YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT THAT ALL FUNDS RAISED IN THE STATE OF
OKLAHOMA MAY BE DEDICATED TO THE PURPOSE OF HOSPITALIZATION OF HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN AT CLAREMORE STOP I AM SENDING COPIES OF YOUR MESSAGE TO EACH
MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
SO THAT THEY MAY CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF QUOTE WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE
MONEY RAISED NATIONALLY YOU CAN GIVE TO OKLAHOMA TO SUPPLEMENT THE FUNDS
RAISED HERE UNQUOTE STOP IT IS MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT THE QUESTION
CANNOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE NATIONAL
FUND WILL BE STOP I WILL TRY TO GET A FULL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BUT MR HAYS IS IN CALIFORNIA AND
I BELIEVE MR CARTER IS EN ROUTE THERE STOP (CONTINUED)

GOVERNOR E W WARLAND

(CONTINUATION)

DECEMBER 6, 1935

I SINCERELY HOPE THIS WILL NOT DELAY YOUR CAMPAIGN BECAUSE I AM AFRAID
IF IT DOES YOU WILL LOSE THE CUMULATIVE VALUE OF THE PUBLICITY WE HAVE
HAD TO DATE

JOHN W ELWOOD ACTING DIRECTOR
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