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Fort Worth, Texas,
July 31, 1945.

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, President

The Air Power League

Empire State Building

New York City, N.Y.

Regret exceedingly my inability to be present August First for the Air Power League American dinner celebrating the thirty-eight anniversary of the Army Air Forces and honoring General Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General PERIOD No one has rendered a greater service in defeating the Germans and softening up the Japs for a similar fate than General Arnold PERIOD Fort Worth is holding a luncheon carrying out through the Texas Wing, Civil Air Patrol a complete Air Power League program PERIOD This organization has an opportunity to perform an outstanding essential service to America and must not fail in its obligation . This can only be done by keeping America air minded and the necessity of maintaining a large, strong, effective air force thoroughly equipped with all modern air power instruments of destruction. If a similar organization had been in effect following the last war, we would have been 1000% further advanced in overcoming the difficulties General Arnold and his staff encountered in World War II PERIOD For years General Arnold wore his shoes out going before Congress begging for meager appropriations to keep the Air Forces from completely drying up most of which was without avail PERIOD The Axis caught American with its pants down, so-to-speak, and this catastrophe should never be permitted to occur again PERIOD The non-partisan, non-political Air Power League has a great responsibility which must be fulfilled. America must keep its powder dry with a strong Air Corps, two ocean Navy, and substantial Army

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and be on the alert for any eventuality from any and all belligerent nations PERIOD
 This, with all due respect to diplomacy and the Charter for World Peace, would be
 the most effective protection for the happiness and welfare of our great country
 Period. No one dared jump on Jess Willard or Jack Dempsey in their prime PERIOD
 My best regard to General Arnold and again my regrets in not being able to be
 with you for this great occasion.

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