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January 23, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Carter:

We have just completed a re-organization of practically all of the seventy-seven counties in Oklahoma in a final effort to raise our desired quota of \$100,000.00, and we are pretty well under way.

I have a letter that I composed, to be mailed to about thirty millionaires in Oklahoma, some who have raised the question, as to what kind of a crippled children's hospital will be built, and HOW are we going to maintain it. Five paragraphs of this letter, I am quoting and I would appreciate your reaction by wire, as I believe you can see, we are trying to furnish a feasible answer and yet one that is not impossible, as it is our desire also to use such a story in the press, this coming week.

"We have been promised from the National organization, that one of the two national memorials will be built at Claremore and are advised, will be in the form of a hospital for handicapped children and I am led to believe that this hospital will be something like the Infantile Paralysis institution at Warm Springs, Georgia, of which there is a great need in the United States and will not conflict with the present crippled children's program in Oklahoma.

As you know, Claremore is blessed with a highly charged medicinal water that has a buoyancy even greater than that of Warm Springs, which naturally is one of the beneficial parts of their program in the treatment of Infantile Paralysis.

I am also advised that there is a move, well under way with the Supreme Council of Masonic bodies throughout the World, Rotary International, the national organization of Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, for an assessment of fifty cents per member, to be paid by the lodge or club, over a period of three years, as an endowment fund, which is to be invested in Government bonds and the interest therefrom to operate the institution.

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Of course it takes time to work out all these ideas, but do believe we are on the right tract to really do honor to a very remarkable person.

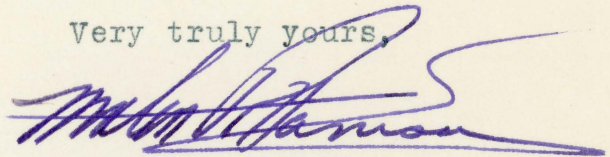
This is a big job, but really the members of the Executive Committee are having a lot of fun and I know each and every person who takes part in this program will enjoy that part he is able to contribute."

It is not our desire to make any rash statements, but do believe this is reasonable. At the same time I would like to have your reaction.

I am of the opinion, we have something like \$35,000.00 up to now, which we naturally hope to increase to \$100,000.00 by the first week in February.

Thanking you for an early reply, and with the very kindest of good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,



Morton R. Harrison, Chairman.

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Dear Sir:

Since writing you a few days ago, we have received very encouraging letters from more than fifty counties, as to their success in raising the quotas of their county.

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By this time, I know you have completed your organization, and are well into your final drive. As a suggestion, why not contact the County Chairman in your County, who is making arrangements for President Roosevelt Birthday Ball to be held on the night of January 30, 1936. Thirty percent of the proceeds of their drive, will be turned over to the National Committee for delivery to the Warm Springs Foundation for the continuation of its fight against infantile paralysis and seventy percent of their funds are to be retained to be used for crippled children work in that community OR AS EACH LOCAL COMMITTEE MAY DESIRE.

Several of the Counties are turning the seventy percent to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission County quota and really makes a nice tie-up and doubles the worthiness of the cause.

In order that we might know how the \$100,000.00 program is progressing, would appreciate you immediately mailing to me, at Claremore, a Cashier's check of the funds you have raised to date, made payable to Jesse H. Jones, Treasurer, which will be credited on our books to your County and mailed on to New York.

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If additional contributor's sheets are needed, advise and same will be mailed to you by return mail.

With best wishes for your success in this final drive, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Morton R. Harrison, Chairman.

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