

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 17, 1941

Honorable Harry S. Truman United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Truman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14 enclosing a copy of the letter sent by the Chief of Engineers to the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate. I want to thank you for the interest which you have taken in this matter and for the help you have given in bringing the flood control problem to its present status. We hope that it will be possible to proceed with the actual flood protection work without interruption.

We are very much interested in an upland airport, as you probably know from the newspaper accounts and from our conversation with you. We will appreciate anything you may do in keeping us informed as to the status of legislation or any federal programs that may be of assistance to us in this matter. We have pretty definitely decided on the purchase of a large tract of land which would provide facilities for a modern airport and serve as an auxiliary landing field and training center as well as to provide sites for the manufacture of commercial and war airplane equipment. I believe that the city is in a position to acquire the land at any time we can be assured of federal assistance in the construction of runways and any buildings which may be necessary for defense use.

We will be more than pleased to have your support on our airport program and we assure you that the city government will go as far as it can in providing adequate facilities for a suitable airport away from the fog and smoke which prevails at our Municipal Airport. It is also our opinion that a supplemental airport is vitally necessary because of the increased development at the Fairfax airport which no doubt will interfere with commercial operations at the Municipal Airport.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours, L. P. Cookingham

City Manager

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