

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1943.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson,
c/o Mr. J. C. Kellam,
Brown Building,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Bird:

Enclosed is a card which accompanied some flowers sent you by Amon Carter. I have written to thank him and think you should also drop him a note.

Also enclosed is a letter to you from Bernard Hanks. I think by all means you should arrange to go to Corpus for a couple of days. While there you can probably stay with the Bob Jacksons. You should take with you our monthly operating costs on one page, including main salaries, type of work, etc., and on another page our station income and who the accounts are. Get the Corpus man to go over both with you from a comparative standpoint. Let Bernard Hanks know about it before you go down there.

On the way back from Corpus you can probably stop in San Antonio and see Dorothy Muckelroy's brother. Then spend a few more days in Austin, and then I think it desirable you go out to Abilene and particularly look over the fellow that is manager. I am convinced we should have three or four prospective managers and salesmen. Keep on the lookout for them.

I talked to International News and think I should have something by the end of the week.

I am enclosing checks for \$1500.00 which you can deposit in your account in the American National Bank and let Jesse draw it out to pay bills. I think we ought to get on a strictly cash

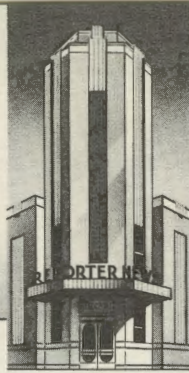
basis as quickly as we can because we are never going to get in a good financial condition until we do. It will probably take another \$1,000 or \$2,000 to do it, and this is all I can muster at the moment so keep Escoe and Jesse busy selling accounts and getting these old babies out of the way.

Some definite agreement should be reached on NBC, ASCAP, SESAC, etc. this week. Don't let Escoe continue to procrastinate because when bills jump from \$800 to \$1800, it is pretty expensive delay.

With love,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Make the Abilene trip first. Tom Clark
and I may join you in Corpus Sat.
week. - They are going on a vacation &
I'm going to try to get them to meet us
in Corpus Sat week.



The Abilene Reporter-News

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Abilene, Texas.

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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Delighted to hear that within the near future you contemplate visiting Corpus Christi, Abilene and San Angelo. If you will let me know in advance when you contemplate being in Corpus I will get Frank Smith, who lives in Houston, Manager of KRIS, Corpus Christi, as well as KXYZ, Houston, to be in Corpus Christi, as I think he is one of the best informed radio men in Texas.

Also delighted to hear you will visit us here, as well as Houston in San Angelo. Two weeks ago a fire destroyed most of the furniture in our living room, and smoked up the downstairs pretty badly. However, workmen are now refinishing and I am confident they will be through by the time you arrive. Anyway, the fire didn't bother the kitchen, breakfast room or the upstairs, which is the usable part of our home, and we will certainly consider it a pleasure and quite an honor to have you with us. I wish Lyndon could, or would, come with you, but it is kind of a hard job to get him off his beaten path.

Certain situations in a Broadcasting Station have been classified as necessary employees, and Station is classified as an essential war industry. These classifications include the Chief Engineer and Manager, and if Etter were Manager of your Station he would be deferred. He is not physically disqualified. He has his application in for a Commission in the Navy, Radio Branch, and should it be accepted I don't know what his position would be. If he were a Radio Manager he would be deferred from the Draft.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson,
4921 30th Place, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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