

April 17, 1957

Dr. George I. Sanchez
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Doctor:

Preparation of my income tax return over the weekend and a trip to San Ignacio Sunday to help Hector organize a Forum there plus the fact that I spent all day in court yesterday defending a criminal case to which I had been appointed by the court had made it impossible to write to you since I saw you in Austin Friday. For the benefit of Hector, to whom I am sending copy of this letter since he rushed in and out of San Ignacio and I had no time to talk to him, I'll have to make this letter a little lengthy.

To start with, in regard Kierborough, you will find enclosed copy of a letter that I am sending him today. I feel that he did not want to see me either because he resented my having tried to help Hart in the Senate race (choosing to overlook my support in other campaigns plus the fact that some of those now close to him wanted to ditch him on some of those other campaigns) or else that he felt I was going to ask too much of him and he preferred not to have to say no or else someone has put me in a bad light with him. Whatever may be the reason, you can construe the letter I am writing him as of the type that burns bridges. This may be foolish on my part personally but I don't think it will hurt our people for you and Hector and others ought to be able to get after him when the occasion arises. I personally will not again campaign for him—even if I am in a position to do so; so on this matter write me off for good.

As regards my personal position, as I told you, I am now \$1500 in debt and running out of the funds that my mother and sisters made available to me when I was forced to return to Laredo. In two or three weeks I must decide whether to (1) accept a position as Justice of the Peace which I have been told is available to me here in Laredo and by such action join the Old Party here in every respect and hope that within that group I can use whatever influence I have to bring about good ends; or (2) leave Laredo and set up my own law practice elsewhere or (3) leave Laredo and join a law firm elsewhere.

With regard to No. 2, you suggest that I return to Austin, and I am certainly thankful for your offer to arrange a personal loan for me to the extent of \$2,000. I have given this matter serious consideration, but I don't know whether it will work out.

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Senator Ralph W. Yarborough
Ferry Brooks Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator:

It is unfortunate that I was not able to see you last Friday when I was in Austin. As you know I waited in your office from 3:00 p.m., the time when you had said you could see me, until 4:30 p.m. when you said, "Hi, please go and come back in half an hour." I sensed then that my presence had become embarrassing. However, to make sure, I did return shortly after five o'clock only to be informed by your secretary that you had left the office and that she did not know your whereabouts.

I certainly understand how much of your time is taken these days preparing to leave for Washington and with people importuning you. Nonetheless, I feel certain that for some reason unknown to me you felt it advisable not to see me.

I had hoped to discuss with you a personal situation the outcome of which may easily make it difficult if not impossible for me to keep the pledge that I made the day following your election. However, it was not my intention to seek anything other than your advice on the matter.

Please let me thank you for your letter of April 16 and your assurance that the next time you will surely see me. Since your new duties and responsibilities will strain your time to the utmost, however, I will make sure that in the future it will not be necessary for me to importune you.

Very truly yours

ED IDAR, JR.