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Mr. Bill G. Read
City Secretary
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 74808

Dear Mr. Read:

This is in reference to the redistricting of councilmanic districts; the change in the method of electing councilmembers; and the increase in the size of the council for the City of Corpus Christi in Nueces County, Texas, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on March 10, 1983. Although we noted your request for expedited consideration, we have been unable to respond until this time

The Attorney General does not interpose any objections to the changes in question. However, we feel a responsibility to point out that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar any subsequent judicial action to enjoin the enforcement of such changes. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.48.)

Sincerely,

Wm. Bradford Reynolds
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

Gerald W. Jones
Chief, Voting Section