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Dear Hector,

I called your office today and learned that you may be going home tomorrow or Sunday. I know you will be glad to get out of the hospital.

Nothing of importance to report. Homeport is moving right along, due to the incredibly effective work of Lloyd Neal and Jimmie Lyles. I went to NAS last night to shake hands with Chase Untermeyer and to listen to him speak (too long). Then the Pensacola glee club sang which made it a very late evening, indeed. They sang a lot of World War II songs, which made me sad.

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Jimmie Lyles says that NAS Corpus Christi has been "unofficially" ruled out by Navy brass, and they are ~~not~~ only interested in sites near the mouth of the harbor. That makes sense. I have always thought NAS was a poor site because ships could be bottled up in a long, ~~xxxx~~ narrow channel.

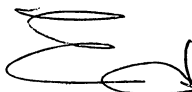
So if we get it, it will be in San Patricio County. The plan is to have the Port of Corpus Christi be in the contracting public body, since its jurisdiction, if that's the right word, extends beyond Nueces County -- or does it? At any rate, it operates in San Pat.

Lyles and Neal are going to talk to each port commissioner individually before it comes up in open meeting within the next few days.

I'm going to New York tomorrow to attend a couple of operas. Back Friday. Then Sunday I go to a meeting of the Inter American Press Association in Panama for a week. I'll see you on your return to your office.

Be good and get well soon.

Regards,



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