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Mr. Ed Harte Corpus Christi Caller-Times P. O. Box 9136 Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Dear Ed:

I am forwarding you a letter for information that I sent to Deputy Secretary of Defense Bill Clements requesting that he direct Army not to make a decision on where they intend to locate their soon-to-be-activated Aviation Development Center (AVDC) until such time as Navy has announced their final decision on the Naval Air Training realignment.

I certainly don't want to see Navy reduce their operations at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and I am doing everything within my power to preclude it; however, should Navy insist on moving their air training to Pensacola, I feel that we must strive to insure Army backfills the Naval Air Station to the greatest extent possible for reasons you are well aware. This was my purpose in providing Army a study in May recommending Corpus Christi as an alternative for their AVDC. To date I have not received a response from Army regarding the study but I have continued to pursue the issue with them.

Your energetic support in this matter has been genuinely appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours, John Young

Encl.