



JOHN H. MILLER
DISTRICT JUDGE
36TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SINTON, TEXAS 78387
December 1, 1976

COUNTIES:
Aransas
Bee
Live Oak
McMullen
San Patricio

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Lloyd:

Just a note to let you know that I am glad you have been re-elected. Texas needs you in the Senate.

In thinking over your campaign for re-election it occurred to me that you should have an active office in Austin, and visit Texas county seats and towns as often as you can. I think it would be very helpful if you would call friends by telephone, talking for a minute or less, asking them how they are and what their people are talking about or worrying about. Such brief conversations would let your friends and supporters know you are thinking about them and are concerned with the problems they encounter. You may recall that Lyndon Johnson used this technique to enhance his popularity with the people.

We are reasonably well satisfied with Jimmy Carter. We believe he will make a good President. This brings up the subject of appointments.

We understand that Jose A. "Tony" Canales of Corpus Christi, one of Carter's campaign coordinators, is being considered for appointment as U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. I should like instead to have him considered as a Federal Judge for the Southern District, serving in this area to help dispose of the growing backlog of cases in the district.

Tony Canales is 32 years old, but has had broad and varied experience in civil and criminal law. He gained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from St. Mary's University Law School. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1969. He is a member of the law firm of Canales and Garza, 2601 Morgan Avenue, Corpus Christi. His mother is Clotilde Garcia, M. D., and he is a nephew of Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the American G I Forum.

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I have been impressed by this young man's knowledge of the law and his intelligent application of the law in his courtroom presentations. Even as much to the point, he possesses a judicial temperament, without which no lawyer can function fairly and capably as a Judge.

Perhaps this is an overly-long "note". But, I felt so strongly about Tony Canales' qualifications for a judgeship that I couldn't resist urging his consideration on you.

Again, I am pleased with your re-election and look forward to many years of outstanding service by you for your state and country. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Miller".

John H. Miller