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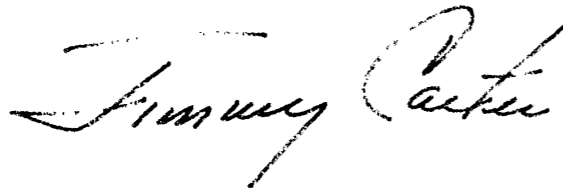
To Dr. Hector Garcia

I wish to express my appreciation for your agreeing to serve and I take great pleasure today in appointing you as a Member of the United States Circuit Judge Nominating Panel for the Western Fifth Circuit. A complete list of your fellow panel members is enclosed for your information.

As you may know, the retirement of the Honorable John Minor Wisdom on January 15, 1977, has created a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I am requesting the assistance of your panel in aid of my responsibility and discretion under Article II of the United States Constitution to select a nominee to fill this vacancy. According to Section 3 of Executive Order 11972, you are required to report in confidence to me, within sixty days after your receipt of this letter, the names of not more than five persons deemed well qualified to fill this vacancy.

Your panel will please consider only persons from the State of Louisiana for possible inclusion on the list submitted to me.

Sincerely,



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