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Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
1315 Bright street
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

On behalf of President Carter, and Stuart Eizenstat, I am replying to your letters of February 16 regarding your interest in the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

One of the primary responsibilities of the United States Navy is to insure that the facilities under its jurisdiction are properly administered and operated within budgetary constraints. It is in the interest of both the Navy and the general public that the studies currently in progress, analyzing the mission requirements and costs associated with the operation of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, be conducted. I can confirm that the impact on the local economy and general civilian community resulting from any reduction in the tempo of operations at the base will be considered when the final decision is made regarding the future of this installation.

Your continued support for President Carter is certainly appreciated, and I can assure you the protection of the interests of the Mexican - American people in South Texas remains a concern of this administration.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, with President Carter and Mr. Eizenstat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. Hidalgo", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward Hidalgo
Assistant Secretary of the Navy