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MEMORANDUM

Military Facilities Committee

Gary Bushell of Senator Lloyd Bentsen's staff called me Tuesday at the request of Jimmy Lyles.

Bushell says that in the President's budget for the 1979 fiscal year (which begins October 1, 1978) DOD requests \$13.8 million for NAS Corpus Christi (as compared with \$12.9 million appropriated in Fiscal 1978). He anticipates no trouble in keeping the \$13.8 million in; however, it will be watched. The House Appropriations Committee has had its mark-up, but the Senate hasn't considered it yet.

Bushell has bought a home here and will move to Corpus Christi in September to do some home building. He may also practice law in the field of energy.

Gary Knight, who has been Senator Bentsen's military aide, has joined a Washington law firm, and Jim Bush, a retired Navy captain, has succeeded him.

Will Ball, who has been Senator Tower's assistant on the Senate Armed Services Committee, is now Georgia Senator Herman Talmadge's chief administrative assistant.

It has been reported that the 1979 military appropriations bill will prohibit proposed consolidation of Navy training programs, just as the 1978 bill did.

Sincerely,

