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Dear Dr. Garcia:

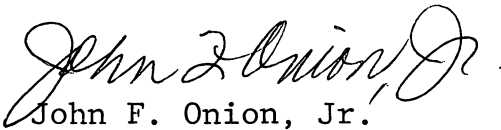
May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you personally for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Western District, Nominating Committee's recommendation of me to the President as qualified for a judgeship on that court. I feel humble, grateful and honored to have been included in the recommended group. Particularly I want to thank you for the cordial, fair, and in-depth interview that was accorded me in Houston on February 6th. Whatever happens from this point forward, I am pleased that the citizens of the Fifth Circuit area had an individual like you who was willing to give the effort and time to the job and who had the concern to serve on the Nominating Committee. Nothing could be more important to our country than a vital judiciary chosen on merit. This was a first step in a new, really new, process. Upon the published reports of those recommended, I received a letter from a former federal office holder who was delighted at the list of recommended candidates but who stated he was skeptical of the Nominating Committee procedure until he saw the list of those recommended. I believe this speaks well of your committee's work and forebodes well for the future and the selection of federal appellate judiciary. I know your task was a difficult one, and your position on the committee is not to be viewed with any envy. Your contribution to the success of the new approach to federal appellate judge selection should, however, be long remembered. You have marked the trail for those who will follow you in seeking the continued improvement of the federal judiciary in order that it may serve the needs of our society and bring representatives of the people into the selection process. This is a noble goal.

Dr. Garcia

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Thank you very sincerely.


John F. Onion, Jr.
Presiding Judge

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