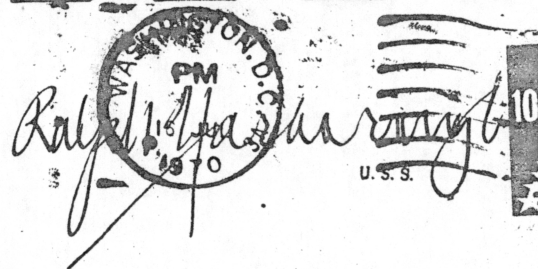


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460 Senate Office Building
July 9, 1970

Dr. George I. Sanchez
2201 Scenic Drive
Austin, Texas 78703

Dear Dr. Sanchez:

Thank you very much for the copy of your recent communication to Ronnie Dugger in regard to the Texas primary election on May 2nd.

Your expression of support and your loyalty will be one of my most cherished memories of my elective life. The encouragement which I received from the kindness and generosity of friends such as yourself was of great importance to me, and I continue to appreciate your expression of ideas and views.

I agree with you that the Chicanos did not sell out. Some of them were bamboozled, but not enough to place the majority against me. The south third of Texas was the only third I carried. I enclose a map that shows the results. If we draw a line from Houston to El Paso, or slightly north of that, and add the votes of all counties south of that line, I carried the vote south of that line by a majority of 32,573.

There are 39 counties in Texas in which 35% or more of the people have Spanish surnames. If we add all the votes of those 39 counties, I received a majority of 15,666. The Chicano counties and the South Texas area from Houston to El Paso were the areas of Texas which I did carry; yet, these were not enough to carry the state. Overall, we lost over 200 counties by a majority of 92,000.



Dr. George I. Sánchez
2201 Scenic Drive
Austin, Texas 78703
June 3, 1970

Mr. Ronnie Dugger, Publisher
The Texas Observer
1017 W. 31st St.
Austin, Texas

Dear Ronnie:

I strongly recommend a write-in vote for Ralph Yarborough in November. I am dismayed at how a million dollars (or more) can brainwash those who were most indebted to Ralph---the chicanos. But, maybe, they were not brainwashed, just fooled---suckered, that is.

Write in Ralph Yarborough, I will. So, write-in candidates don't win---who cares? I will vote for Ralph because I believe in him, but also because I want to protest money-politics. If Bush can spend more dollars than Bentsen, he will win. What kind of political freedom is that!? What kind of morality?

Ralph lost because we, myself included, did not make matters clear to the people, especially to the chicanos. Our excuses (mine, eye-surgery) are really summed up as over-confidence (I could have made more use of the telephone, for example).

The chicanos did not sell out. They were bamboozled. Let's give them another chance---they'll come through.

Sincerely,
GP

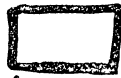
1970 Democratic Senatorial Primary Area Breakdown



The 39
I. Mexican American Counties (35% or more M.A.).....15,666

RWY Majority

II. Houston--El Paso Line32,573



III. Urban Counties (60,000 or more reg. voters).....2,600



IV. Urban and Mexican American counties.....9,635

V. Coastal area line (incl. lower valley).....41,535

