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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Mashington, D. C. January 13, 1959

Dr. Hector Garcia 3024 Morgan Avenue Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Hector:

I am so deeply grateful for your kindness in sending me a copy of your petition to the President of the United States, protesting the Administration's action in closing the 0. & R. Department at the Naval Air Station. You know how gravely concerned I am with this situation. I have been working night and day in an all-out effort to reverse the position the Administration has taken in this matter.

I am happy to report that our two able Senators and the entire Texas Democratic Delegation in the House are solidly behind us. Senator Lyndon Johnson has thrown the vast resources of his Space and Preparedness Subcommittee into the fight. As you know, our problem is with the Executive branch of the Government, not the Legislative, and I feel confident in assuring you that we will have complete Congressional cooperation in our efforts to save this valuable and needed installation.

I have already been in touch with American Legion Officials here in Washington and have petitioned their assistance in behalf of the veterans employed in the Corpus Christi O. & R. I will keep you and your fine organization closely advised of developments at this end, and hope to have something definite to report within the next few days.

Again, let me thank you and the other Members of the G.I. Forum for your splendid support and assistance in our battle to save our 0. & R. Department.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Young