

*File Letter
with Judge Salinas*

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OFFICIAL REPORTER:
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Dr. Hector P. Garcia,
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Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Hector:

Thank you very much for your letter with enclosures.

The possibilities for the selection of my name by the Republican Administration to send to the United States Senate look very good. The possibilities of confirmation, as you saw from the letter you received, also look very good. If we do not get this appointment now, it should shake the strongest faith in the fairness and honesty of our governmental processes.

The highest and strongest possible endorsements have been made on professional qualifications by Texans in our highest court: six Justices of the Supreme Court of Texas. A large number of district judges from many sections of Texas have done likewise; from Amarillo, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Austin, San Antonio, Brownsville, Houston, etc.

On personal qualifications, the President, the Attorney General and the Vice President have received recommendations from Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, management and labor, from rich and poor people. And on the strong additional factors of recognition to a large segment of our United States population and of aiding our relations with Latin American peoples, they have many recommendations such as yours, from the American GI Forum and the Lulacs. There is no objection that I know of, and no possible pretext for brushing us aside--unless it is political partisanship.

The Republicans I met in Washington appeared to be very fine and sensible people and showed a desire to base the selection on qualifications. I believe it will be a matter of a very short time now. We will see whether conscience or politics prevails.

With warmest personal regards,

E. D. Salinas