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Rafael Flores

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Dr. George I. Sanchez
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Dear Dr. Sanchez:

I trust this letter will reach you before you leave Austin. I received copy of your letter to Boren, and I hope that you will lay on when you see him or Yarborough in Washington.

It is my understanding that Yarborough definitely will not go along with Salinas. He has recommended Benavides and Jimmy de Anda. However, Benavides is out for he simply does not have any substantial experience in practicing law and De Anda does not have a high enough rating in Martindale-Hubbell. Lyndon Johnson I understand wants Reynaldo Garza but Reynaldo is also out tentatively because he bolted the Party in 1952 and 1956 and he never has supported Yarborough. Under these circumstances, as you may know, the Kennedy's are seeking "a middle ground" with Fidencio Guerra or H. A. Garcia as possibilities. We have made it clear that Salinas remains our first choice and is the only one that would satisfy everybody. We will, of course, take Jimmy if he is named but will not actively promote any kind of campaign for him nor is he, to my knowledge, promoting any such campaign. We do not want to fall into the same trap with him that Benavides fell into.

Down here in McAllen we have come up with another "Judas". I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of a news story that came out in the Monitor yesterday. You will see that our friend Rafael Flores has now been endorsed by the same group that would not accept him as a third man on the School Board a year ago, and the boy thinks it is good politics for him to come out and repudiate any association whatever with the people who supported him a year ago. Besides his remarks about the Forum, Rafael also told the group that he had nothing to do with any labor organization and that he counted among his clients insurance companies and other major business interests.

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I would appreciate hearing from you during your absence and knowing your address in the event something important comes up^{on} which we might want to consult with you at least by mail. I hope you and Luisa enjoy your assignment.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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D.S. Meeter:

Salinas called today (Monday) to say Geo. Sanchez had called asking Salinas to send mail for him. Sanchez, I understand, would not do so cause he's afraid it is just a trap to divide us further and weaken us. I don't think mines or cables would help Jimmy. If they want to blow Salinas out and leave Jimmy, they can do so without any mines. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced they are just using Jimmy to lead us into a further split so as to wind up with an Anglo.