

DOMESTIC SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired; otherwise this message will be sent as a fast telegram	
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	
NIGHT LETTER	

\$  
S  
E

# WESTERN UNION

## TELEGRAM

1206 (4-55)

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired, otherwise the message will be sent at the full rate	
FULL RATE	
LETTER TELEGRAM	
SHORE-SHIP	

NO. WDS.-CL. OF SVC.	PD. OR COLL.	CASH NO.	CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF	TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

DA 5 10 PA 573  
 IP WXL 116 Long XV Govt PD Via SN - WUX Washington DC 24 651 PME  
 Senator Lyndon B. Johnson

I have been advised in detail of your conversation with an assistant to the President and of your request that the Navy defer the action which has already been taken to close the Overhaul and Repair facility in Corpus Christi. As stated in my telegram to you of 20 December this is one of a series of actions which the Navy has been obliged to take to reduce its shore establishment in order to balance the size of the establishment with the decrease in the size of the fleets in the operating forces. If the action with respect to Corpus Christi were withheld the Navy would be left without any basis to carry out its action to close or reduce other activities in the shore establishment. Because of this and with Presidential approval. The Navy has no other course to follow but to continue with the closing of Corpus Christi. Your interest in this matter is appreciated and I again express regret that it has been found to be necessary.

Thomas S Gates Jr Secretary of the Navy