

SEN BENTSEN ELECTION CTTEE.
1402 NUECES
AUSTIN, TX 78701 12PM

Western
Union Mailgram



1-244301U194048 07/12/88 ICS WA16614
01100 MLTN VA 07/12/88 JN42466

CCPB

DR. ECTOR GARCIA
1315 BRIGHT
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78405

DEAR HECTOR,

YOU ARE AWARE BY NOW THAT GOVERNOR DUKAKIS HAS ASKED ME TO RUN AS HIS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AND I HAVE ACCEPTED. I WILL ALSO CONTINUE MY RACE FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE SENATE. WERE I TO RESIGN FROM THAT RACE THE LAW WOULD NOT PERMIT A REPLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT, SO THERE WILL BE TWO RACES AS HAPPENED ONE OTHER TIME IN TEXAS HISTORY. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN ME AND FOR THE TREMENDOUS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF MY FRIENDS WILL FEEL THAT THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT CREATES A PREDICAMENT FOR THEM. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET WILL PREVAIL IN NOVEMBER AND THAT MY NOMINATION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO TEXAS AND ITS FUTURE. I HOPE YOU WILL VIEW THE SITUATION IN THIS LIGHT AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE ME YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT. REGARDLESS OF YOUR COMMITMENTS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SENATE IS VITAL TO TEXAS AND MUST BE VIGOROUSLY CONDUCTED. MY OPPONENT IN THIS RACE IS SIMPLY NOT QUALIFIED AND THE VOTERS SHOULD BE GIVEN A CLEAR CHOICE IN A SPECIAL ELECTION AT A LATER DATE. I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD.

SINCERELY,

LLOYD BENTSEN

21:53 EST

MGMCOMP