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### JAMES T. SMITH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

P. O. DRAWER N 521 N. SANDPIPER RD. INGLESIDE, TX 78362

November 26, 1984

Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas

Letter of Recommendation Re:

Dear Dr. Garcia:

My son, Jesse, is interested in attaining an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. I am attaching records with reference to his academic background.

He worked for Bill Patman; but Bill, as you know, was defeated in the November election.

Before his death, Mr. Joe had discussed a military career with Jesse.

We realize that there are many young men and women interested in these appointments. I thought perhaps the congressman might have one of the ten vacancies open.

Anything that you could do would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Smell

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JTS/jr

Encl.

Honorable E. "Kika" De La Garza 15th Congressional District of Texas U. S. House of Representatives 1401 Longworth Building, H.O.B. Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Sir:

I am the widow of Joe F. Garza, who with his brother, Ben Garza, organized the League of United Latin American Citizens and who, as a young man, moved from Rockport to Corpus Christi, where he was engaged in the insurance business for many years and held various official positions with the City of Corpus Christi and with Nueces County. Prior to his death he helped establish Channel III-TV and was president of the corporation.

Prior to Joe's death in 1982 he was for many years a friend of Jesse Garza Smith and with him formed a grandfather-grandson relationship. The last four years of Joe's life was as a patient at Hill Haven rest home here in Corpus Christi. During that time Jesse visited him regularly. Jesse was a pallbearer at Joe's funeral in 1982.

Jesse has requested me to write to you with reference to the possibility of his obtaining an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. I am attaching hereto a resume of his background and education.

Anything you would do to help him would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours, Julia Manga

Julia Garza 1109 Santa Fe Corpus Christi, Texas (512) 855-6870

#### INFORMATION ON JESSE GARZA SMITH

#### PERSONAL.

(1) Address: 521 N. Sandpiper Road

Ingleside, Texas 78362

(2) Telephone: (512) 643-7214

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(3) Age: 17

(4) Birth Date: September 26, 1967

(5) Social Security No. 449-57-9209

(6) Father: James T. Smith

Mother: April Smith (deceased)

#### EDUCATION

(1) St. James Elementary School, graduated 1979 with the Bishop's Award.

- (2) Ingleside Junior High School, graduated 1981. Was fifth in class of 119.
- (3) Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, Texas, from 1981-1982.
- (4) Ingleside High School, graduated in 1984. Was tenth in class of 76. Completed high school in three years.
- (5) Attended Victoria College from June of 1984 to present time and will complete first year in December of 1984.
- (6) Member of National Honor Society.
- (7) Church missionary to Mexico summer of 1981 and 1982.



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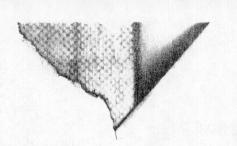
Jesse G. Smith is a fine young man whom I have known almost all of his life. He comes from an upstanding family of San Patricio County whose civic-mindedness has been an asset to this community.

Jesse is hard working, and because of his perseverance, has excelled in his studies and in his standing as a much admired youth of this area.

I highly recommend Jesse for the consideration of a scholarship. Those of us who know him well know that he is a most deserving young man.

Yours Very Truly,

WAYNE HITT, Sheriff

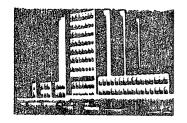




THANKING CAMPAIGN WORKER -- Bill Patman, who will meet Bob Barnes June 7 in a runoff for U.S. Representative, 14th District, expreses his appreciation to Jesse Smith who sent a \$100 cashier's check to his campaign fund. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Ingleside-on-the-Bay, earned the money mowing lawns, He attends ingleside Junior High School.

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NOVEMBER 14, 1984

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HONORABLE E. "KIKA" DE LA GARZA 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1401 LONGWORTH BUILDING, H.O.B. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING JESSE GARZA SMITH FOR MANY YEARS. HIS FATHER, ATTORNEY JAMES T. SMITH IS MY PERSONAL FRIEND OF MANY YEARS.

JESSE GARZA SMITH IS AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT WELL ABOVE THE AVERAGE. HIS CHARACTER IS EXCELLENT. HE IS WELL ON HIS WAY TO MAKE US AN EXCELLENT LEADER IN THE FUTURE. JESSE HAS THE AMBITION TO BECOME A NAVAL OFFICER. I AM WRITING THIS LETTER FOR THE PURPOSE TO HELP HIM IN HIS LIFE'S AMBITION.

ANY HELP THAT YOUR OFFICE CAN GIVE THIS FINE YOUNG MAN TO GET AN APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THIS COURT.

RESPECTIFULLY YOURS

ARMANDO D. FLORES

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT I, PLACE I

NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

ADF/are

Ronald M. Yeager
124 W. Wilson Ave.
Aransas Pass, Jexas 78336-1176

November 14, 1984

Honorable Kiki De La Garza U. S. Representative Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman DeLaGarza:

I would like to recommend Jesse Carza Smith to you for consideration for an appointment to one of our Military Acadamies, especially the Naval Acadamy.

Jesse is an outstanding young man whom I have known for over fourteen (14) years. He excelled in high school at Ingleside, Texas and is presently attending Victoria Junior College where I understand, he is doing quite well.

Jesse is the type of quality individual I believe we need as our future officers and I do not hesitate in recommending him to you for appointment.

Yours very truly

Ronald M. Yeager

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THE ARANSAS PASS I

Progress

# Smith advances to cadet status

Cadet Jesse G. Smith, son of Mr. James T. Smith of Ingleside, has advanced from a "Plebe" to a full cadet status as a member of the Corps of Cadets at the Marine Military Academy of Harlingen, Texas.

A new cadet, regardless of age or prior military training in a Junior ROTC program, enters MMA as a plebe.

Cadet Smith has been commended by the Commandant of Cadets, Col. Tom Parsons, USMC (Ret.), the entire MMA staff and faculty on his meritorious achievement.

The Marine Military Academy is a private, military, college prepatory boarding school for boys in grades eight through 12. Post-high school specialized instruction is also offered.

It is the only school in the world which offers military leadership training based on the traditions of the United States Marine Corps. Ingleside cadet gets promotion at Harlingen

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