

Title Under Judge E.D. Salinas

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Dear Doctor:

Just received copies of your letters to Johnson, Yarborough and Bob Kennedy. Terrific! Your sincerity, earnestness, and determination cannot but impress them, and it makes me feel humble and grateful to know that I have your very strong support in this cause, which is really the Big Thing -- not me -- that of achieving recognition for the Latin American people here in the State of Texas now that they offer one who is qualified. I realize I just happen to be in the position of being qualified for this particular post with 10 years' experience on the Bench, which is, you might say, a fact situation of Destiny.

I enclose a Dossier giving biographical sketch, etc., so that you may glance through it. I sent the original yesterday by Air Mail and Registered to Carlos McCormick, National Democratic Committee Headquarters, 1001 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington D. C., which he should have in his hands today (Tuesday). It contains some of the letters which were mailed this year to the Republican Administration, and which are unavailable now to the Democratic Attorney General and the Democratic President.

You may wish to keep it for use in a personal talk with Yarborough or Johnson, now or in the next few weeks. If you feel it is not necessary, please send it back to me as I should like to keep that copy.

You will notice there the letters of both Judge H. A. Garcia and Judge Fidencio Guerra. -- Gus Garcia is talking up Judge H. A. Garcia (he resents the Viva Kennedy Clubs endorsing me, without consulting him). I know Judge Guerra will stick to his pledge to me that he would not muddy the waters. Judge Garcia might be tempted, but he would be violating his conscience and I doubt that he would at this time try to climb on the merry-go-round. I have another letter from Judge Garcia to me wherein he shows he is a part of the move to push my appointment. *No creo que trate de revolver el asunto*

I have today mailed the list of addresses you gave me to Ed Idar and Bob Sanchez; I enclose a copy of the list here for your use.

Other judges have written. Today I received copies from Judge Charles Barrow of San Antonio and Judge Jim Evetts of Belton--they seem to be very glad I informed them of the situation, and happy to endorse me, both on qualifications

and on the Inter-American angle and the recognition for the Spanish-speaking population in Texas.

I understand several Justices of the Supreme Court have written -- some to Johnson alone, others to Johnson and Yarborough or to John Kennedy, another is waiting until the Democratic Attorney General is known--and I guess until he knows that Kennedy is really ELECTED.

The Democratic National Committeeman, Byron Skelton, has written a beautiful, long letter to Kennedy, Johnson and Yarborough. The State Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, J. E. Connally, is "definite" in his support, and will do everything possible to get us the appointment. Mrs. R. Max Brooks (who handled the Kennedy Ladies trips) is also "very happy" to help, feels I am fully qualified, and is going to talk to Johnson personally.

All of the factions here are united in this matter. Gus Garcia -- embittered and soured, with illusions of grandeur, or drunk, or just plain mentally sick -- got Yarborough on the phone and tried to show the Kazens and Tomas Rodriguez were against me. This is not so. While there may be envies or frustrated desires -- every man in public life worth his salt creates them no matter what he does-- there is no one that I know of here in Laredo opposing me, actively or otherwise.

Ed Idar sent me some 5 or 6 copies of letters and telegrams which American GI Forum members had sent to John Kennedy.

I cannot see how the Democratic Administration could go elsewhere for a federal judge because there is no excuse or pretext possible; I doubt if there will be any one else having the recommendations such as have been made in my behalf, both on qualifications and the many other arguments, which, I believe, surpass any considerations of Lyndon's friendship toward Cecil Burney or J. C. Looney-- besides, we have been his friends too. But these things being what they are, we must continue "batting off the flies" and be ever vigilant que no nos echen una curva....

With warmest personal regards,

