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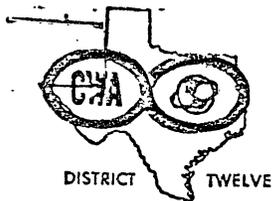
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Dear Mr. Jordan:

It is my understanding that J. A. ("Tony") Canales is under consideration for appointment as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. I am writing to you in my capacities as President of the Coastal Bend Labor Council, an organization of approximately 10,000 labor union members in South Texas, and President of Communications Workers of America Local No. 12137. Mr. Canales has the wholehearted support of both of these organizations for the position of United States Attorney.

Mr. Canales is both well known and well respected by the working people of South Texas. I personally know him both as a lawyer and a political leader to be intelligent, energetic, tough but compassionate, and of excellent character. Although he is still relatively young, he has taken significant and difficult leadership roles in our community, and the experience he has gained in public life has added depth to the good judgment with which he seems to have been born. His opportunities for leadership came early to him, in part because he is a member of one of the great Democratic families of South Texas, one which has for many years been instrumental in helping to carry Texas for Democratic presidential candidates.

His professional skills are highly appropriate to the job. He is one of only two lawyers in Corpus Christi who have been certified by the State Bar of Texas as specialists in the field of criminal law. In addition, he has extensive civil litigation experience. From my conversations over the

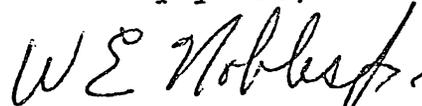


years with other attorneys who know him, he seems to be well respected by other members of the Bar.

Although I am certainly no historian in this matter, I cannot remember when, if ever, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas was a lawyer from Corpus Christi, which is the second largest city in the Southern District.

In sum, Mr. Canales' appointment as United States Attorney would be much approved and much appreciated by the working people of South Texas. On their behalf, I respectfully but strongly urge that this appointment be made.

Sincerely yours,



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