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Dear Dr. Hector:

I want to extend my most sincere appreciation for your friendship and support during these last six years.

Working in behalf of the 14th District of Texas has been most rewarding. It afforded me the opportunity to learn a lot and meet many fine individuals such as yourself which I will never forget.

In looking to the future, I believe the Naval Air Station and Corpus Christi Army Depot are very secure.

Getting the CH-47 helicopter maintenance workload returned to Corpus was a five year battle, but a major victory over Pennsylvania. In time, the program will generate many more jobs than the 65 announced. This program is a real plus for the Depot. Another new program for the Depot is the M-1 tank engine. The components are programmed to be overhauled there, however, there are those who would still like to see the whole program done at the Anniston Army Depot.

The Naval flight training is in good shape for the next year or two. I would suggest that you keep pushing the Admiral to replace the T-28's in VT-27 with T-34's and keep it active at Corpus. That squadron is important to the continued flight training program. As you know, there have been no military construction projects approved for the NAS since 1975. Finally, two were programmed for FY 1983 this year, but were deferred until FY 1984 last week. This action was taken by Navy because of a cut of \$272 million in their construction projects for FY 1983. I discussed this problem with Will Ball and furnished him with some documents he can use to try and get the projects restored in the FY 1983 program. The NAS has projects programmed through FY 1985 in the amount of \$20.7 million and unprogrammed projects identified in the amount of \$5.35 million. The CCAD projects programmed during the same timeframe total \$11.435 million.

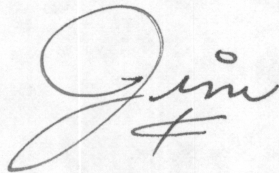
As you well know, the problem for the Port is where the dredge spoils will be placed to complete the 45 Foot Project. I personally feel that the Corps proposal is the right one, especially when you consider the possible change in policy regarding maintenance and construction that is being proposed by the Administration. If the Corps stands by it's recommendation, I hope the environmentalists do not take the case to court and the mitigation issue can be resolved in a timely manner.

Well, enough of my idle thoughts. As to my future, I am not sure. The areas I have pursued on the "Hill" have not been promising because there are no vacancies. I was hoping to find a position where I could still offer some support for Corpus Christi in my meager way. That is where my heart lies. If these efforts fail, I have no choice but to turn to the private sector. Due to heavy unemployment in the Washington area at this time, that may not be too easy.

Again, I do appreciate your friendship and support. Please let me know if, at any time, you feel I might be able to help obtain information or furnish data on projects affecting the Naval Air Station or Port.

If you are in Washington, please give me a call if you have time, and I hope to see you in Corpus some day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim F." The "F" is stylized with a horizontal crossbar.

P.S. Please take care of your health.