

Congress of the United States
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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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My dear Hector:

I believe I can understand the really insurmountable pressures under which you must have found yourself in the recent Senate campaign. I know of and am grateful for your feeling of friendship for me, and at the same time I am sure that you must have felt keenly your own responsibilities not to stray too far away from the understandable sentiments of your many friends of Spanish-American extraction who felt an obligation to stay with Henry.

I realize that all of this must have placed you in a very uncomfortable position personally, and I just want you to know I understand your situation and value your friendship.

At the same time, I know that you will agree with me that we as Democrats have just demonstrated a sometimes fatal tendency toward political suicide by allowing ourselves through various cross pressures to become disunited and thus the natural prey of our enemies.

The results of the election reflect clearly that, if I had been able to have just the help of the Spanish-American voters in South Texas, I would have been in the run-off and in the U. S. Senate, and Texas would not be faced with a choice between a full-time Republican and a half-time Democrat.

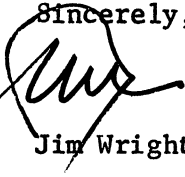
The Gonzalez vote in San Antonio alone would have been more than enough to put me in the run-off; or without it, the Gonzalez vote in Nueces, Hidalgo, El Paso and Cameron counties would have put me ahead of Blakley.

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Do you suppose there is a way in which we who believe fundamentally alike in the basic rights of man and in maximum opportunities for all our nation's children can arrange in the future to avoid these internal divisions and face the common enemy with a united front? If you can come up with any suggestions to this end, I pledge to you my full help and cooperation in trying to assist in bringing it about.

Con todo respeto y cariño.

Sincerely,



Jim Wright