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Mr. Gregorio E. Coronado Attorney at Law 702 Broadway Lubbock, Texas

Dear Gregorio:

As you perhaps know, I was appointed to the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the 7th Supreme Judicial District, sitting in Amarillo, following Judge E. L. Pitts' death. It has been my privilege to serve in this capacity since October 7, 1959. I have recently announced my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for my first elective term.

As has been the custom in recent years, the State Bar of Texas will conduct a Judicial poll among Texas lawyers to determine their preference in the various appellate Judicial offices. I earnestly and sincerely solicit your favorable consideration both in the State Bar poll and the May 7th Primary election.

For those of you who are not familiar with my background and experience, I am 42 years of age, married and the father of 4 children. I graduated from Texas Tech in 1938 with a major in Government and received my legal education in the University of Texas Law School. After entering private practice of law immediately after World War II, I served as Judge of the Lubbock County Court at Law three years and as Judge of the 99th District Court of Lubbock County 6½ years prior to my appointment to this Court. During this period, I have presided over hundreds of jury and non-jury cases in practically every field of the law. I respectfully invite your inquiries relative to my character, judicial temperament, honesty and ability.

Although I have already visited with many of the attorneys of this 46 County District, it is my earnest desire to visit and know every attorney in this area.

I shall endeavor to conduct the affairs of this office in an intelligent, fair and impartial manner. I sincerely ask for your active support in my behalf.

James G. Denton