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COMMITTEES: ARMED SERVICES BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Fellow Texan:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I have recently sent the President regarding the signing of the Fisheries Agreement between the United States and Mexico. Because the impact of this industry in your area is considerable, I feel this issue is of vital importance to your community.

I am hopeful the President will send the Agreement back to the Department of State for further study and that a more favorable agreement can be reached. I will keep you advised of further developments.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours, John Tower

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The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Texas Shrimp Producers continue to be greatly concerned over the signing of a U.S.-Mexico Fisheries Agreement which was negotiated by the Department of State.

The agreement would effectively eliminate United States participation in shrimp fishing within Mexico's 200-mile limit by 1979. This is particularly regrettable since there is every indication that Mexico's shrimpers cannot fully utilize the fishery and will likely allow participation by Cuba or other countries to the exlusion of the United States.

I would urge you not to sign the agreement at this time and to send it back to the Department of State for further discussion of the shrimp provisions. In less than a month, the new President of Mexico takes office. Hopefully, he and his administration would be amenable to settling this issue on terms more favorable to the United States.

Sincerely yours,

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