

2201 Scenic Drive
Austin, Texas
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Mr. James W. Boren
Office of U. S. Senator
Ralph W. Yarborough
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim Boren:

I will be at the Statler on the 25th. The USCE will have me in charge through the following week, and I will fly to Venezuela on the 1 of April. If your office wants to talk to me, call me.

The Senator is making a very serious mistake. The Bob Benevidez gambit is very ill-advised, and nobody is fooled by it (including Benavidez!). The Senator has jeopardized the support given him by about 400,000 "Mexican" voters, and those guys do not easily forget or forgive. I fail to understand why Ralph is playing it this way, but I assure you that it is not my way or that of his former loyal supporters. As you are well aware, I initiated Ralph's campaign among the mexicanos -- and I have his written assurances of appreciation for it. It would grieve me immensely if I had to tell my mexicano friends that I was wrong, and that Ralph is not deserving of our support. His actions on the Salinas appointment put his gratitude to question, and if there is one thing that I and my people cannot tolerate is ingratitude from our friends.

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You know me well enough to know that I do not threaten or bluff. I assure you very sincerely, Jim, that the Senator is about to lose the votes that can make him or break him in the next election. If he is going to deal with us in a cavalier fashion, we will do the same with him. What would you think of an opposition candidate in the next election named García, or Sánchez, or González? Or of our endorsement of his opponent? We are not "in the bag" for Yarborough or Kennedy or anyone else. We are for results -- the proof of the pudding is in the eating! And Ralph has made poor eating so far.

Cordially,

G. I. S.

George I. Sánchez

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