

| DOMESTIC SERVICE                                                                           |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Check the class of service desired; otherwise this message will be sent as a fast telegram |  |
| TELEGRAM                                                                                   |  |
| DAY LETTER                                                                                 |  |
| NIGHT LETTER                                                                               |  |

\$  
S  
E

# WESTER UNION

## TELEGRAM

1206 (4-55)

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

| INTERNATIONAL SERVICE                                                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Check the class of service desired; otherwise the message will be sent at the full rate |  |
| FULL RATE                                                                               |  |
| LETTER TELEGRAM                                                                         |  |
| SHORE-SHIP                                                                              |  |

| NO. WDS.-CL. OF SVC. | PD. OR COLL. | CASH NO. | CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF | TIME FILED |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
|                      |              |          | Government               |            |

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

December 26, 1958

THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. GATES, JR.  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I regret that you could not see your way clear to defer the closing of the Overhaul and Repair facility in Corpus Christi until I had had the opportunity of discussing the matter with you directly. Despite my conversation with an Assistant to the President and your telegram, I have still to hear an adequate explanation for this step.

I ask that you furnish at the earliest possible moment a full explanation of the reasons for closing down the facility. I also ask to be supplied with the efficiency ratings of all similar Overhaul and Repair Facilities for the Navy in the United States and a detailed break-down of the costs that will be involved to the Government in closing this facility and shifting its activities elsewhere. I wish you had found it possible to discuss these questions with me before you determined "that the Navy has no other course."

Lyndon B. Johnson, USS