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460 Senate Office Building
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Dr. George I. Sanchez
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Austin, Texas 78703

Dear Dr. Sanchez:

Thank you very much for the copy of your recent communication to Ronnie Dugger in regard to the Texas primary election on May 2nd.

Your expression of support and your loyalty will be one of my most cherished memories of my elective life. The encouragement which I received from the kindness and generosity of friends such as yourself was of great importance to me, and I continue to appreciate your expression of ideas and views.

I agree with you that the Chicanos did not sell out. Some of them were bamboozled, but not enough to place the majority against me. The south third of Texas was the only third I carried. I enclose a map that shows the results. If we draw a line from Houston to El Paso, or slightly north of that, and add the votes of all counties south of that line, I carried the vote south of that line by a majority of 32,573.

There are 39 counties in Texas in which 35% or more of the people have Spanish surnames. If we add all the votes of those 39 counties, I received a majority of 15,666. The Chicano counties and the South Texas area from Houston to El Paso were the areas of Texas which I did carry; yet, these were not enough to carry the state. Overall, we lost over 200 counties by a majority of 92,000.

God bless the Chicanos.

Sincerely, your friend,

Ralph W. Yarborough