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The Honorable John Tower
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: Mr. J. A. TONY CANALES
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U. S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Dear Senator Tower:

While Mr. Canales has been advised of this letter, he did not request it and it is strictly on my own initiative that I am writing to you, not only on his behalf; but, on the behalf of the people of South Texas.

In my campaign for the State Senate on the Republican ticket -- twentieth district -- in which I received 44,000 votes, I had many occasions to discuss two important issues; namely, (1) civil rights, and (2) the drug traffic. In addition to my candidacy, my law practice requires me to go to Brownsville and Laredo and frequently to Houston. From this experience I have concluded that the United States Attorneys' Office for this area has two prime requirements: (1) someone that is bi-lingual, and, (2) a young aggressive attorney.

I honestly believe that Tony meets these requirements and would be in an excellent position to give personal attention to these pressing problems. His appointment would continue in the effort that was started with the appointment of Judge Robert O'Connor as Federal Judge. No longer would this part of South Texas be a step-child to Houston.

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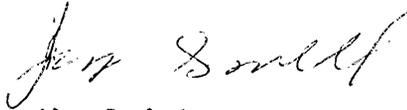
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I trust, therefore, that serious consideration will
be given to his appointment.

Sincerely,



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