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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, M. D. 3024 Morgan Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thanks for your letter of September 12.

You are under a misapprehension as to my position on a national park for Padre Island. During the late Senate campaign I came out for a national sea shore park and have continued to be for it.

Commissioner Jerry Sadler made his statements giving his personal views on the national park and his advocacy of a state park just before a meeting of the school land board. I am a member of the school land board and simply listened to his statement.

When I was asked about the mineral rights by one of the reporters, I stated that the mineral rights would have to be protected.

We need to vastly improve our state parks system and it is my belief that we would all benefit from having a portion of Padre Island designated to be a national park.

I hope this will correct your misunderstanding.

Sincerely,

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