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Dear Dr. Hector:

I certainly enjoyed visiting with Mr. Raul Garza and the group from Chase Field that came by to see me during their recent trip to Washington. They explained the impact that contracting out would have on many of the employees at that installation; and I certainly share their concerns. They also gave me the letter that you had written in their behalf and that is the main reason for my writing to you. I wanted to advise you as to what actions we are taking endeavoring to preclude such actions not only at Chase, but, other installations throughout the country. I might add, the Corpus Christi Naval Station is taking no actions this year short of looking at some support work done for the family housing units.

Being very familiar and greatly concerned about this issue, we have, within the Armed Services Committee, added language in the FY 1980 Military Authorization bill that would preclude the Department of Defense (DOD) from arbitrarily converting functions to contract personnel. The language if approved on the House Floor would require DOD to make a full report to the appropriate committees of the House and the Senate. The report would include details on functions at an installation that were being considered, spaces involved, impact on the community, and cost savings to be realized. No action could be taken to convert these spaces until Congress had thirty days to review the findings.

Doctor Hector, please be assured that I will do everything I possibly can to assist in this very important matter and we all appreciate your support. If at any time you have any additional thoughts on this subject I would greatly appreciate your sharing them with me. In the meanwhile, if I may assist you in any possible way, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Joe Wyatt, Jr.

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