

DISASTER

Hurricane Carla



FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS

Attention: Lynden B. Johnson, Vice President  
United States of America

Federal Housing Administration to  
waive requirement of down-payment in  
cash to replace a home destroyed by the  
hurricane.

The Department of Agriculture to authorize  
Farmers Home Administration or appropriate  
agencies to guarantee to banks in disaster  
area indebtedness of farmers and ranchers  
who have suffered loss due to storm.

Relocation of Small Business Administration  
in Port Lavaca rather than in Victoria because  
Victoria has no demand for Small Business  
Administration loans since most of it will  
be in Port Lavaca, Palacios, Port Aransas,  
etc.

Judge Howard Hartzog

Inc. J. Faubion, Jr.

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*Howard Hartzog*

*George Fred Rhodes*

**DISASTER**

*Hurricane Carla*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS — MEDICAL BRANCH  
GALVESTON

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
THE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
THE TECHNICAL CURRICULA  
THE POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM

May 7, 1962

THE JOHN SEALY HOSPITAL  
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL  
THE ROSA AND HENRY ZIEGLER HOSPITAL

**Mr. Edward A. McDermott**  
**Office of Emergency Planning**  
**Executive Offices of the President**  
**Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mr. McDermott:

This is a request for review of the eligibility status of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for Federal Funds in the total amount of \$139,497.84 for emergency repair and replacement of hospital facilities caused by Hurricane Carla on or about September 11, 1961. Of this total, \$11,611.19 was allocated; and \$127,886.65 was not approved.

On Tuesday May 1, 1962 in Washington, Colonel Chambers and Mr. Brewer of your staff appeared to agree that this determination centered upon the interpretation of our statement regarding "the purpose and use of the facility" in spite of State ownership. This appeal is based upon an effort to clarify the facts which in our opinion indicate that the purpose and use of this State-owned public facility includes a major provision of essential service to local government:

1. There is no other hospital in the city or the county which provides part pay and indigent patient care for city or county citizens.
2. The City of Galveston has a contract with the University for indigent patient care in the Medical Branch Hospitals. Incidentally, the total money received through this contract is only one-quarter of the cost of care rendered to indigent city patients.
3. The County has no contract with us, but the cost of county indigent patient care is over \$350,000 annually, which comes from the University budget.
4. Although no count was made during the hurricane, the number of Galveston City indigents and Galveston County indigents actually in the hospital as patients averaged 109 (80 City and 29 County) daily on subsequent spot checks. This appears to us to be an "essential service to local government."



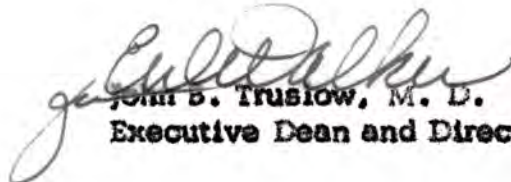
Mr. Edward A. McDermott  
May 7, 1962  
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5. But in addition, a very essential service to local government was provided in the form of food and lodging for more than 3500 refugees from Carla for a 72-hour period (September 11-13). And the city leaned upon us for essential services throughout the storm and afterward in the form of providing emergency care, temporary morgue, ambulance service, snake-bite preparations, drug and medical supplies and personnel to eight (8) other shelter areas, and typhoid-dysentery inoculations the following week.

Accordingly, we feel this request should be opened for review, and that the additional \$127,886.65 be allowed.

If there is any further information needed, we would be delighted to furnish it.

Very sincerely yours,

  
John B. Truslow, M. D.  
Executive Dean and Director

JBT:jgw

bcc:  Mr. Clifford C. Carter

May 1, 1962

Dear Governor Hughes:

Thank you very much for sending me copies of the resolutions unanimously adopted at the Conference of Atlantic Coast Governors.

I have a deep understanding of the tragedies that can be caused by the forces of nature, and you may be sure that I will keep the thoughts behind those resolutions in my mind.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Richard J. Hughes  
Governor of the State of New Jersey  
Trenton, New Jersey

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TRENTON

RICHARD J. HUGHES  
GOVERNOR

My dear Mr. Vice President:

You will find enclosed copies of resolutions unanimously adopted at the Conference of Atlantic Coast Governors in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on April 18, 1962.

These resolutions are concerned with long-term lasting protection to the several states on the Atlantic coastline against natural storm disaster and its preservation and conservation.

A letter has been sent to President Kennedy concerning the content of these resolutions. We are hopeful that they will receive favorable consideration by the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

  
Governor

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
The Vice President of the  
United States  
Washington 25, D. C.



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RESOLUTION BY THE HONORABLE ELBERT N. CARVEL  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES OF:

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,  
Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia

WHEREAS, the Atlantic coastline of the United States is subject to frequent vicious and destructive hurricanes and northeastern storms, which, through a combination of heavy winds, high tides and wave action cause extensive damage and loss of life on our coastal areas, and

WHEREAS, such storms cause extensive damage and economic loss to physical facilities such as highways, sewer and water systems, boardwalks, commercial and recreational properties with resultant loss of employment, and

WHEREAS, the damages sustained require extensive outlays of funds for repair and rehabilitation work at the same time that the communities and states have suffered substantial losses of tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the protection and preservation of these invaluable coastal resources - because of the tremendous public use and participation - is rightfully a mutual state and federal responsibility,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governors or their representatives of the states of Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, do hereby request federal funds be appropriated to the United States Army Corps of Engineers to undertake definitive surveys to determine the types of facilities needed for permanent shore protection and that, upon ascertaining what funds are needed, we petition the President of the United States to send a special message to Congress requesting appropriations for the construction of permanent adequate shore protection facilities with state financial participation along the coastline of the several states.



RESOLUTION BY THE HONORABLE JOHN A. VOLPE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES OF:

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,  
Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia

WHEREAS many states of this Nation have suffered untold damage to public and private property over the years from flood disasters; and

WHEREAS the damage to Atlantic Coast States from the storm and flood of March 1962 will amount to hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS the assistance of the Federal Government is essential to share a reasonable risk in protecting against flood disasters because such disasters do not pose an equal threat to all parts of the Nation and are therefore not privately insurable at reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, having enacted the Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956, has nonetheless failed heretofore to appropriate the funds necessary to implement such Act; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal Government must seek a proper balance between the needs of potential flood disaster victims and the interests of the non-threatened public, and must therefore devise a program of financial assistance which will share reasonable risks while avoiding excessive risks which might be taken by persons living in flood-prone areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Congress of the United States is memorialized to promptly enact legislation along the lines of S. 3066 and H.R. 11224 in order that an immediate and full-scale study may be undertaken to examine alternative programs which could be established to help provide financial assistance to those suffering property losses in flood disasters, including alternative methods of Federal flood insurance, as well as the existing Federal flood insurance program, and so that the findings and recommendations of such study may be submitted to the Congress not later than January 30, 1963.

RESOLUTION BY THE HONORABLE H. MAT ADAMS  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES OF:

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,  
Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia

WHEREAS, we, the Governors of the Atlantic coast states most directly affected by the recent devastating storm, recognize that the Federal Government well understands and is interested in the shoreline preservation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, a bill has already passed the Senate of the United States incorporating many of the features of meaningful Federal participation (S-543);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the states herein convened recommend the endorsement and passage of Senate 543 in the United States House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the representatives from the states represented at this East Coast Meeting favor the passage of this bill.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TRENTON

RICHARD J. HUGHES  
GOVERNOR

My dear Mr. President:

At our meeting on March 22 I told you, from the information available at the time, of the great damage suffered earlier that month by the Atlantic seaboard states and of the disaster situation confronting them in the wake of the Great Atlantic Storm. It was one of the worst, from the standpoint of destructive force, ever to smash against the Atlantic Coast. We were facing a grim reality and needed help.

We also discussed the possibility of a special meeting of concerned east coast states to explore the prospects of developing a sound long-term plan to provide lasting protection to the Atlantic coastline. After our subsequent meeting of April 5, with your approval, I did send out such a call.

The meeting was attended by the governors or their representatives of twelve of the Atlantic seaboard states, representatives of Congress and by key people in your Administration most concerned with the disaster situation. Your communication to us expressing your best wishes for a successful conference was most warmly received.

I am enclosing resolutions which were unanimously adopted at that meeting. You will note in Resolution Number One that we petitioned you for funds for a prompt engineering survey of the Atlantic coast which is essential if we are to go forth in resolving our shore protection problems on a permanent basis.

All conferees recognized the fact that the key to a program of lasting protection for this great natural resource is the availability of funds. Would it not now be proper for you to ask the Congress for an interim appropriation which would in part fill this need prior to determination of its specific dimension and which would permit a permanent program of restoration to commence immediately?

Your deep interest and contribution to the needs of the Atlantic coast states has been vitally important to the progress already made in restoring the shore area, and the public morale shaken by this storm.

Respectfully,

Governor

The Honorable John F. Kennedy  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.  
April 24, 1962





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JACK MODESETT

307 WILSON TOWER

P. O. DRAWER 1741

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

April 9, 1962

Mr. Jack Sanders, Construction Engineer  
Route 1  
Rockport, Texas

Dear Mr. Sanders:

You have presented to me an outline of what generally is proposed to be done in engineering research for a project for the development of effective hurricane protective structure along the coastal areas.

I am, of course, very much interested in such research and construction, if found to be feasible after investigation of such structures, as I am the owner of properties along the coast.

I want to assure you that in my opinion you will have no difficulty in forming a corporation for this purpose with ample capital to successfully carry the same to conclusion if the United States Government and its representatives approve of the project.

I am acquainted with many of the property owners in this vicinity who own properties along the coast and who would be vitally interested in this project.

I am associated with several of these property owners in business affairs and feel that I can speak for them in this matter; among others, Mrs. Ada Wilson, Guy Warren and Tom Walsh, who represents the Joseph Kennedy interest in this area.

I am certain that they, as well as myself, would each take a substantial interest in any corporation formed for this purpose.

Yours very truly,

*Jack Modesett*

Jack Modesett

JM:pg

cc: Mr. Lyndon Johnson

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Disaster  
"Carla"

April 2, 1962

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter regarding the assistance given to Hurricane Carla disaster victims. You may be sure that I was pleased to do what I could to be of aid.

I hope that my efforts here may continue to meet with your approval and I am grateful for your kind offer.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Ray Jensen  
1921 Monroe Drive  
Pasadena, Texas  
LBJ:ACP:dlc

RAYMOND JENSEN

1921 MONROE DRIVE  
PASADENA, TEXAS

March 27, 1962

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
The Vice President of the United States  
Room 5113, New Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in assisting the Hurricane Carla disaster victims in Carmella Center, Pasadena, Texas. The SBA disaster loans granted to these business men are greatly appreciated.

( I am proud of the wonderful work you are doing for our state and country. Please call on me in any manner that I may serve to your best interests. )

With every good wish to you and yours, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Ray Jensen

RJ:mh





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- 0 2<sup>✓</sup> - Pt Arthur - Jefferson, Or, Joe, Newton  
 0 3<sup>✓</sup> - Gal - Cham + Galveston, 7 + Bend, Brazoria  
 0 2<sup>✓</sup> - Hous - Harris, Liberty, WH, Jackson  
 0 3<sup>✓</sup> - Bay City - Matagorda, Goliad, Victoria  
 0 3<sup>✓</sup> - Victoria - Victor, Calhoun, Bee, San Antonio  
 0 3<sup>✓</sup> - CC - near, Arroyo, Refugio, 10 / hr  
 0 2<sup>✓</sup> - Brownsville - Cameron, Wharton, Hidalgo, Kennedy  
 2<sup>✓</sup> - Gonzales - Gonzales, De Witt, Lavaca

~~9~~ citizen in each town  
 loan

Zac Lutz  
 HI-34335-078

10 - copy - to Dick Donahue  
 1 copy - to w/f for FBI

Mr Harley, SBA, 128-5249.

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 File - SBA help  
 Hurricane  
 Carla



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PRICE DANIEL  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

March 5, 1962

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
Vice President of the United States  
The Capitol  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

Thanks for sending me the fourth check for 374.70  
deutsche marks for Hurricane Carla relief.

I have already passed it along to the Red Cross  
office here, and my office has released a statement to the  
press on it.

As I mentioned to you in Washington, I have called  
on Texans to return this favor to the people of West Germany.  
On my return to the office, I discovered that we have received  
checks and cash from all parts of the State, and many major  
newspapers are cooperating, as are the Handy Andy stores,  
Volkswagen dealers and others.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Price*

PD:st





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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TRANSLATION (German)

*Alexander  
Carla*

*cc: Transl. Foreign  
Berlin*

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE

[Vice President Johnson]

[SOURCE: Clipping from "Morgenpost", a Berlin daily (no date)]

TELEGRAM OF THE "MORGENPOST" TO L. JOHNSON

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Shortly after August 13, this black day on which the Communist rulers drew the wall of shame across the heart of Berlin, you came to us as the friend of the Western World and personal envoy of President Kennedy.

With clearness and persuasive power you renewed and affirmed to the hundreds of thousands of Berliners, America's pledge to stick with us and, together with us, face the tyranny.

We know that you remember the gratitude of the population of this City of Berlin, which was projected to you from their enchanted faces.

Now, we Berliners are reminded by grim and terrible news from your country that the time has come for us to show you our gratitude and friendship by more than words and sentiments.

It is with horror and deep emotion that we hear and read that your native State of Texas and other regions of the American South have been invaded by a devastating hurricane, one of the worst in

this century. With sorrow do we learn about the human suffering of those people who were compelled to flee from the coast into the inland.

We in Berlin, who know from our own observation the terrible plight of the refugees, can well imagine how great the wants of those people are, and how urgent the need of immediate help.

We Berliners wish to help in any way we can. Today, the "Berliner Morgenpost", the biggest daily paper in Berlin, published an appeal to all Berlin inhabitants, to contribute generously to the relief fund.

This appeal is directed to the simple citizen and to the many big companies of our city; companies which owe the economic growth of their enterprises to the aid of the American Government and the American taxpayer.

We will forward to you by airmail the issue of the "Berliner Morgenpost" with our appeal. This, as a token of solidarity in need which unites all peoples of the Free World.

Shortly we will transmit to you the contributed amount. We wish to show that Berlin does not forget people—your people in Texas and all others everywhere, who have never deserted us, and who stand together with us for a common cause.

With sympathetic regards,

Translated by  
George Starosolsky  
September 28, 1961  
imc

Your "Berliner Morgenpost"



# Telegramm der Morgenpost an L. Johnson

Sehr verehrter  
Herr Vizepräsident,

kurz nach dem 13. August - diesem schwarzen Tag, als die kommunistischen Machthaber eine Schandmauer mitten durch das Herz Berlins zogen, kamen Sie als Freund der westlichen Welt und als persönlicher Botschafter Präsident Kennedys zu uns.

Mit Klarheit und Überzeugungskraft erneuerten und bekräftigten Sie vor Hunderttausenden von Berlinern die Verpflichtung Amerikas, zu uns zu stehen und mit uns der Tyrannei die Stirn zu bieten.



L. Johnson

Wir wissen, daß Sie sich an den Dank des Volkes dieser Stadt Berlin erinnern, der Ihnen von den Gesichtern der Berliner entgegenleuchtete.

Jetzt werden wir Berliner durch harte und grausame Nachrichten aus Ihrem Lande daran erinnert, daß die Zeit gekommen ist, Ihnen unseren Dank und unsere Kame-radschaft durch mehr als Worte und Gefühle zu beweisen.

Mit Erschütterung und Bewe-

gung hören und lesen wir, daß Ihr Geburtsstaat Texas und andere Gebiete des amerikanischen Südens von einem verheerenden Orkan, einem der schlimmsten dieses Jahrhunderts, heimgesucht worden sind. Mit Trauer lesen wir von dem menschlichen Leid, das diejenigen betroffen hat, die von der Küste ins Innere des Landes flüchten mußten.

Wir in Berlin, die wir aus eigener Anschauung um die schreckliche Not der Flüchtlinge wissen, können uns vorstellen, wie groß die Sorgen der Menschen sind und wie dringend die Notwendigkeit für eine schnelle Hilfe ist.

Wir Berliner wollen auf irgendeine Art helfen, so gut wir können. Heute hat die „Berliner Morgenpost“ - die größte Abonnementzeitung in Berlin - einen Appell an alle Berliner veröffentlicht, großzügig für einen Hilfsfonds zu spenden.

Dieser Appell richtet sich an den einfachen Bürger und auch an die vielen großen Firmen unserer Stadt. Firmen, die den wirtschaftlichen Aufstieg ihrer Unternehmen der Hilfe der amerikanischen Regierung und des amerikanischen Steuerzahlers verdanken.

Wir werden Ihnen mit Luftpost die Ausgabe der „Berliner Morgenpost“ mit unserem Appell zusenden. Als ein Zeichen der Solidarität in der Not, die alle Menschen der freien Welt zusammenschließt.

In Kürze werden wir Ihnen den Spendenbetrag überweisen. Wir möchten zeigen, daß Berlin die Menschen nicht vergißt - Ihre Landsleute in Texas und andernorts - die auch uns nie vergessen haben, und die mit uns für eine gemeinsame Sache eintreten.

In teilnehmender Verbundenheit  
Ihre „Berliner Morgenpost“



# **Das ist das Gebot der Stunde!**

**Als Ulbrichts Söldner am 13. August die Schandmauer zogen, riefen wir Amerika um Hilfe. Wir riefen nicht vergeblich! US-Vizepräsident Johnson kam. Wir alle jubelten ihm zu. Wir dankten, aus vollem Herzen.**

**Nun bedürfen die Amerikaner unserer Hilfe. Die Südstaaten Texas und Louisiana sind von dem verheerenden Hurrikan „Carla“ heimgesucht worden. Hunderttausende flüchteten vor dem Toben der Elemente, ließen Haus und Hof im Stich. Der Sachschaden ist nicht abzuschätzen. Berliner, jetzt sind viele Amerikaner in Not.**

**Berliner, jetzt müssen wir handeln. Jetzt, in dieser Stunde, müssen wir beweisen, was Freundschaft, was Treue ist. Jetzt müssen wir zeigen, daß wir nicht nur um Hilfe rufen, sondern auch helfen können.**

**Wir rufen alle Berliner auf: Laßt Euer Herz sprechen! Helft sofort! Spendet für die Notleidenden in den USA! Jeder Pfennig zählt.**

**Spenden erbitten wir auf:  
Postscheckkonto Berlin 2331 Kennwort „Carla“  
Deutsches Rotes Kreuz Berlin**



**Er wacht für uns**



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TRANSLATION (German)

*C. Boatner*

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE  
[Vice President Johnson]

[Source: clipping from "Berliner Morgenpost".]

THIS IS THE CALL OF THE HOUR!

When Ulbricht's mercenaries, on August 13th, erected the wall of shame, we called on America for help. We did not call in vain. U.S. Vice President Johnson came to us. We all rejoiced. We thanked him from the bottom of our hearts.

Now the Americans need our help. The Southern States of Texas and Louisiana have been invaded by the devastating hurricane "Carla". Hundreds of thousands fled the raging elements, left their homes and property behind. The property damage cannot be estimated. Berliners: many Americans are now in need.

Berliners, now we have to act. Now, at this very hour, we have to prove the meaning of friendship and loyalty. Now we have to prove that we not only ask for help, but can also help.

We call upon all Berliners: Let your hearts speak! Help at once! Make your contribution for the needy in the USA. Every Pfennig counts.

Please send your contribution to: Postal Checking Account  
Berlin 2331, Catchword "Carla", German Red Cross, Berlin.

Translated by  
George Starosolsky  
September 28, 1961  
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From Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

S. O. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Addressed to Hon - Prince Daniel \_\_\_\_\_

Gov. Texas - Austin Texas \_\_\_\_\_

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Disaster  
Hurricane  
"Carla"

January 18, 1962

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~~FOREIGN RELATIONS~~  
PUBLIC ACTIVITIES  
Travel

Dear Price:

It is my pleasure to send you the last two checks collected by the Berliner Morgenpost for the relief of the victims of Hurricane Carla.

At an exchange rate of four to one, this gift represents \$6,890.00, bringing the total contribution of the West Berlin people to \$187,071.00.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Enclosures (two checks)

The Honorable  
Price Daniel  
Governor of Texas  
Austin, Texas

LBJ:CKB:yb



**BERLINER**

**MORGENPOST**

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BERLIN-TEMPELHOF MARIENDORFER DAMM 1/3

ORTSRUF 750231

Mr. Vice-President  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
Johnson City, Texas, USA  
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Ihr Zeichen

Ihre Nachricht vom

Unser Zeichen

den December, 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

With our best wishes for Christmas we hand to you  
the two last cheques for the victims of hurricane  
Carla:

12.270,49 DM

15.290,08 DM

together

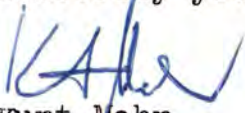
27.560,57 DM.

With the first cheque that we delivered the 21<sup>st</sup>  
of October to General Clay - the amount was  
720.725,43 DM - the Berlin population has brought  
up the sum total of

748.286,-- DM.

We hope that this contribution of the Westberliners  
can help, where help is needed.

Sincerely yours

  
Kurt Mehr  
BERLINER MORGENPOST  
Action Carla

Encl. 2 cheques

Fernruf: (Vorwahl-Nr. 0311)  
75 11 46 und 75 54 95  
Telegrammadresse:  
MORGENPOST Berlin

Fernschreiber:  
01 83 508 ullstein a bln  
01 84 565 ullstein b bln

Postscheck: Berlin West 123

Bank: Berliner Disconto Bank,  
Zweigstelle Tempelhof,  
Konto-Nr. 53/161 440







Raffael (1483–1520): *Madonna di Casa Colonna*



Van Eyck (1390–1441): *Maria mit dem Kinde in der Kirche*





Mantegna (1431–1506): *Maria mit dem schlafenden Kinde*

Ein frohes Weihnachtsfest  
und ein gutes Neues Jahr  
wünscht Ihnen

BERLINER MORGENPOST

Werbeleitung



*Diese drei Gemälde  
wurden nach Originalen,  
mit freundlicher Genehmigung  
der Staatlichen Museen Berlin,  
für die Freunde der „Berliner Morgenpost“  
reproduziert. Sie sind in der  
Gemälde-Galerie Berlin-Dahlem,  
Arnimallee 23, zu besichtigen.*

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Mr. Vice-President  
Lyndon B. Johnson

Johnson City, Texas, USA

Washington D.C.







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**DISASTER**

*Hurricane Carla*

October 27, 1961

Dear Price:

Here is one of the most generous acts by the people of one nation for the people of another that I have ever been privileged to know.

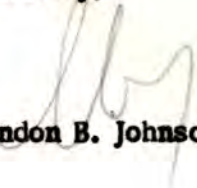
While the people of the Gulf Coast were still digging out from the ruins caused by Hurricane Carla, the newspaper Die Morgen Post of West Berlin started a fund for the sufferers of the storm.

Today I have received a check representing those thousands of contributions of the West Berlin people. It totals Deutsche Mark 720,725.43 or in our money, par value, \$180,181.33.

I am happy to send this on to you for addition to the fund which I know has been assembled in Texas for relief of the victims of the storm.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable  
Price Daniel  
Governor of Texas  
Austin, Texas

LBJ:CKB:yb

Charlie -----

The amount of U. S. \$s will depend upon how much the bank charges for handling (cashing) and the day the transaction is made as the DM is a variable and the amount will be on one side or the other of 4 DM to \$1.

The par value of DM 720,725.43 is: \$180,181.33.

The least the exchange should produce is: \$179,000.00

mjdr

From Mr. Kalivoda at DU 1-2941 (referred by World Bank)



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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U. S. Mission Berlin,  
Berlin, Germany,  
October 23, 1961

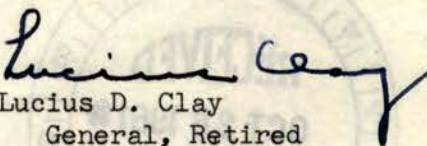
Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have the honor to send to you  
the check for DM 720,725.43 collected through  
the efforts of Die Morgen Post from the people  
of Berlin to help those who suffered from  
Hurricane Carla.

It was my privilege to receive this  
in your name and to express, in your behalf,  
our deep appreciation.

Exchange: Restrictions  
DU 1-2941

Sincerely,

  
Lucius D. Clay  
General, Retired  
U. S. Army

The Vice President,  
United States Senate.



giving

THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



U. S. Mission Berlin,  
Berlin, Germany,  
October 23, 1961

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have the honor to send to you  
the check for \$20,725.43 collected through  
the efforts of the Morgan Post from the people  
of Berlin to help those who suffered from  
Hurricane Carla.

It was my privilege to receive this  
in your name and to express, in your behalf,  
our deep appreciation.



Exchange: Postmaster  
D-1-2141

The Vice President,  
United States Senate.

MEMORANDUM

DISASTER

**COPY** *Hurricane Carla*

DATE: February 19, 1962  
TO: Mr. Johnson  
FROM: Cliff  
SUBJECT: Floods in Hamburg, Germany

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dah



**COPY**

*Missile  
Hurricane  
Carla  
x allaster  
Germany  
Hamburg*

February 28, 1962

My dear Mr. Chancellor:

In recent days, it has been my pleasure to receive and to turn over to the proper authorities for distribution a total of DM 720,725.43, donated by the people of West Berlin for relief of the victims of Hurricane Carla in my home state of Texas.

Now I read in the newspapers of the floods inundating portions of Hamburg and other river cities and my thoughts turned immediately to the contributions gathered by the newspaper, Berliner Morgenpost, from your warmhearted people.

The contributions were one of the greatest demonstrations of friendship and generosity by people of one nation for those of another that it has ever been my privilege to witness.

It is my fervent hope that the damage done by the floods is not as bad as indicated, that the people had sufficient warning so that the danger zone was evacuated with a minimum of loss and that homes and industries can be put back into service with a minimum of disruption.

I know the stalwart character of your people and their immense capacity to recover from disaster and I know that they will meet this blow with undaunted action.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency Dr. Konrad Adenauer  
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Bonn, Germany

LRJ:CKRyb

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

Charlie

I don't think we ought to write  
him and ask him. I think the  
governor is ~~writing some~~  
raising some ~~more~~ money

LBJ

For: the Vice President's  
consideration

Charlie

Mr. [unclear]

John [unclear]

Bill [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
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~~xxxxxxseparate lettersxxx~~  
~~xxxxxx~~

*my dear Mr. Chancellor:*

Dear Chancellor: (check salutation on previous letters to Adenauer)

~~Dear Mr. Adenauer, I am very pleased to hear from you and to learn that you are well and happy.~~

In recent days, ~~indeed~~ it has been my ~~privilege and~~ pleasure to receive and to turn over to the proper authorities for distribution a total of ~~Deutsch-Mark~~ DM 720,725.43, donated by the people of West Berlin for relief of the victims of ~~the~~ Hurricane Carla in my home state of Texas.

Now I read in the newspapers of the floods inundating portions of Hamburg and other river cities and my thoughts turned immediately to the ~~unusually large~~ contributions gathered by the newspaper, Berliner Morgenpost, ~~and~~ from your ~~generous~~ warm-hearted people.

~~I am sure~~  
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Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Bonn, Germany*



Dear Chancellor Adenauer

Chancellor Adenauer  
Bonn, Germany  
Bundestkanzleramt der  
Bundesrepublik  
Deutschland

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

February 22, 1962

Charlie:

Prepare a letter for submission  
to the Vice President.

G.E.R.

MEMORANDUM

geo

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W.S.  
FYI

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on it called  
suggestion*

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*Boatman*

PRICE DANIEL  
GOVERNOR



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

February 5, 1962

*DISASTER  
hurricane Carla  
OK*

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
Vice President of the United States  
The Capitol  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

This will acknowledge receipt of the two additional checks from the Berliner Morgenpost for the relief of the victims of Hurricane Carla. They are being delivered to the American Red Cross.

I know you agree with me that the people of West Berlin have shown a friendship to us that we shall always remember and cherish.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Price*

PD: jy





COPY

Disaster  
"Carla"

February 2, 1962

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Thank you for the copy of the book, HURRICANE CARLA. The pictures and stories graphically tell of the storm, and I was happy to see all of the accounts compiled so ably.

The Berliner Morgenpost, a West Berlin newspaper was the sponsor of the hurricane collection that was sent to the victims of the storm. I am sure that they will appreciate having a copy of your book.

The Morgenpost's total collection for the victims of Hurricane Carla amounted to almost \$200,000 in our money.

The checks I was holding in the picture represented the last part of the collection.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Warren L. Hogan  
Leaman-Hogan Company  
918 Waugh Drive  
Houston 19, Texas  
LEJ:CKB:lc

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1962

Charlie:

This letter is fine, but I think you should tell them that instead of \$6,000 it was more like \$200,000.

Walter



THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

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918 WAUGH DRIVE  
HOUSTON 19, TEXAS

January 20, 1962

The Vice President  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Vice President:

Enclosed is your copy of the book "Hurricane Carla" which has just come off our presses.

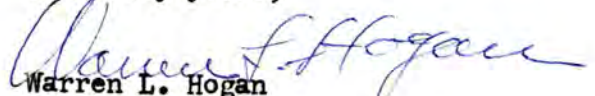
I have recently seen your picture in one of our News Papers showing you with a check for \$ 6,890.00 you received from Germany.

Would you be so kind as to send me the address of these German Sponsors of this contribution. I would like to send them a copy of this book.

With best regards, I am,

WLH:lw

Sincerely yours,

  
Warren L. Hogan  
Publisher

DISASTER

*Hurricane Carla*

COPY

February 16, 1962

Dear Price:

The Berliner Morgenpost's efforts in behalf of the victims of Hurricane Carla has resulted in this fourth check in the amount of 374,70 deutsche marks.

I am pleased to turn it over to you for the relief of the storm's victims.

Again, I am compelled to say that this was one of the most outstanding demonstrations of friendship of people of all nations for those of another.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable Price Daniel  
Governor  
Austin, Texas

LBJ:CB:dah

**BERLINER**

**MORGENPOST**

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Luftpost

Vice President  
Lyndon B. Johnson

Capitol  
Washington 25 DC  
USA

Ihr Zeichen

Ihre Nachricht vom

Unser Zeichen

WMP/M-mr

den February 6, 1962

Dear Mr. Vice President:

We thank you for your good words of  
January 22. Today we send you the 4<sup>th</sup>  
and last check about

374,70 DM

with our best wishes for the victims  
of Hurricane Carla.

Sincerely yours,



Kurt Mehr  
BERLINER MORGENPOST  
Aktion Carla



**COPY** *hurricane Carla* **DISASTER**

February 19, 1962

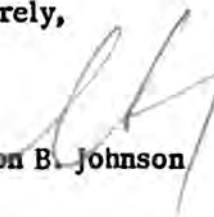
Dear Mr. Mehr:

Thanks again to you, the Berliner Morgenpost, and the people of West Berlin for your fourth donation to the victims of Hurricane Carla.

In sending the check for DM 374,70 on to Governor Price Daniel for proper distribution to the people, I said again that this is one of the most outstanding demonstrations of friendship of all nations for those of another, and it was my privilege to be witness to it.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Kurt Mehr  
Berliner Morgenpost  
Berlin-Tempelhof Mariendorfer Damm 1/3  
Berlin

LBJ:CKB:yb



United States Senate  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Washington, D. C.  
October 5, 1961

Mr. Gilbert King  
c/o Novin - Nierman  
2327 Avenue D  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you very much for your good letter of October 1st, and the enclosed copy of the letter dealing with the controversy of water, as opposed to wind, damage resulting from Hurricane Carla. I was very interested to have a copy of your letter to the Editor, as well as your additional comments on this problem, which as you know is of grave concern to me. I commend you for your interest and active efforts in behalf of these victims, and sincerely appreciate your keeping me advised; I am indeed hopeful that comprehensive solutions will result from the controversy and probe in Texas.

Thank you again for your kind letter.  
With every good wish, I am  
Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Yarborough*  
Ralph Yarborough

RY:ssh  
Enclosure

Jan 2/62



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
TEXAS

Dear Vice President Johnson:

You will live in the hearts of your fellow Texans, forever, for the charming encouragement, only you have, and opening wide, every branch of our great newly revived government in helping the uninformed, recover their homes and a good way of life, again. You, alone, gave us the strength and hope for a total recovery. This, I assured each Speaker of House of Representatives & President of each state Senate you would have done equally as well for them. I pleaded with each of them to pass state legislature to prevent insurance cos. from using tricky & fraudulent unreadable fine print in insurance policies. To set up free adjustment bureaus in case of emergency. To license & bond adjusters. You walk hand in hand with the man on the street.

Mr. Gilbert King  
2325-27 Market  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

I have received your letter and enclosure of October 14 regarding insurance adjustment of damage caused by Hurricane Carla.

I think your plan deserves careful consideration. It is understandable that it would be difficult to determine exactly how certain damage actually occurred.

I appreciate your asking my sentiments on such a vitally important matter. At any time I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

*W. W. McAllister*  
Mayor



DISASTER  
Hurricane Carla

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

October 16, 1961

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for sending me the reprint of your letter to the newspaper about the adjustment of insurance claims in the hurricane area.

I am glad to have the benefit of your thinking and am bringing it to the attention of the proper officials here for their consideration and comment.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Lyndon B. Johnson*  
Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Gilbert King  
c/o J. R. Merman  
2327 Avenue D  
Galveston, Texas



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

October 23, 1961

Mr. Gilbert King  
2327 Avenue D  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

Your suggestion is an interesting one. I will refer it to the Council and the City Attorney for consideration.

My own opinion is, frankly, that it should be a State matter and not a U. S. government matter, in which event the course of action to be followed would be to get the respective Representatives and Senators at their next session in Austin to take the needed action.

Sincerely yours,

*W. W. McAllister*

W. W. McALLISTER  
Mayor

Kindest Regards,  
Gilbert King



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
AUSTIN 11, TEXAS

October 1, 1961

PRICE DANIEL  
GOVERNOR

Mr. Gilbert King  
c/o Novin-Nierman  
2325-27 Market St.  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

Thanks for your letter and the copy of your letter to the Editor of the Galveston News.  
I certainly appreciate your kind comments, and will do my best to be worthy of your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

PD:mm

*Price Daniel*

P.S. The greatest new dealer of them all was Christopher Columbus. Because, he left, not knowing where he was going. When he arrived, he did not know where he was and when he returned - he did not know where he had been - and he did all of this on borrowed money.

Regards,

*M. K*



*Hurricane Carla*

January 5, 1962

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

In reply to your letter of 17 November, and my interim communication of 4 December, I have had correspondence from the office of the Army Chief of Engineers which will be of interest to you.

Public Law 71, of the 84th Congress, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to make surveys for hurricane protection of critical areas along the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States. Under terms of this law, Army Engineers are looking into various means of protecting the Baytown area. Currently, they are considering the feasibility of the construction of a barrier which will protect your property from storm tides generated in the Gulf of Mexico.

Should this plan prove workable, studies looking toward its completion will be made, followed by construction of the barrier as funds are available.

Improvements of this magnitude take many months for accomplishment, sometimes years, but once they are completed they provide more than adequate protection for areas where they are installed.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick  
3103 Wisconsin  
Baytown, Texas

LBJ:WFJ:cjf



IN REPLY REFER TO

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HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

General  
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The Vice President

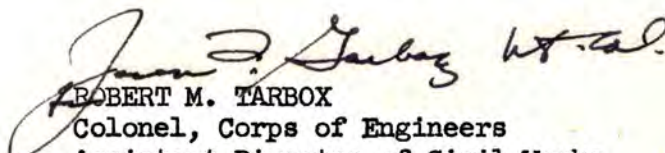
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have your recent letter inclosing a letter from Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick of Baytown, Texas, concerning a levee to be built along the Houston Ship Channel, from Bay Villa to Lynchburg.

The Director of Civil Works will be pleased to inform you on this subject soon.

Sincerely yours,

  
ROBERT M. TARBOX  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Assistant Director of Civil Works  
for Southwestern Divisions





HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
ENGW-PD

22 December 1961

The Vice President  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

This is in reply to your recent letters inclosing letters from Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Kathlyn Randle Sheley, Baytown, Texas, concerning the hurricane problem in Galveston Bay, particularly between Bay Villa and Lynchburg including the Brownwood subdivision.

In a survey of the effects of hurricane "Carla", the District Engineer at Galveston found that damages in the Brown-Lockwood-Wooster area totalled about \$2,795,000 of which \$2,362,000 were attributable to water damage and \$433,000 were caused by the hurricane winds. Approximately 1,300 residences and 30 commercial buildings, located on lands with elevations of from 5 feet to 20 feet, were damaged. Water depths inside the homes and buildings varied from a few inches up to about 9.5 feet.

Public Law 71, 84th Congress authorizes the Secretary of the Army in cooperation with other Federal agencies to make surveys of hurricane protection for critical areas along the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States. The District Engineer at Galveston has completed studies at two urban areas and studies are presently under way at six additional localities, all on the Texas Gulf Coast, in response to this authority.

As a result of hurricane "Carla" we are faced with a need for gathering and evaluating new hydrologic and economic data, re-examining the needs of some areas, and coordinating our efforts with some recently affected local people whose interest in hurricane protection is now greater than ever before. At present we are not making a separate study of the feasibility of a local protection project at Baytown and do not plan at this time to do so; however, that area, together with other areas bordering on inland bays may be considered under possible future comprehensive studies.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. CASSIDY  
Major General, USA  
Director of Civil Works

2 Incls

1. Ltr Dr. Kirkpatrick to  
Vice Pres. Johnson, 17 Nov 61
2. Ltr Mrs. Sheley to Vice  
Pres. Johnson, 17 Nov 61

December 4, 1961

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

The construction of levees to prevent future damage to the Houston Ship Channel, is a program that is being given serious consideration.

I am forwarding your good letter, which is one of several I have received on the subject, to the office of the Chief of Engineers for information on which I may send a later reply to you on the status of this project.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick  
3103 Wisconsin  
Baytown, Texas

LBJ:WFF:jc/f

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Residence  
Pho. 506-7218

Office  
Pho. 583-2146

*msf*

Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick  
General Dental Surgery and X-Ray  
3103 Wisconsin  
Baytown, Texas  
November 17, 1961

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Johnson:

I am a resident of Brownwood Subdivision in East Harris County and a member of the Wooster Chamber of Commerce.

I am sure you are aware that our subdivision was declared a disaster area after "Carla" devastated our homes.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you support us in our request for a levee to be built along the Houston Ship Channel, from Bay Villa to Lynchburg. This levee will serve to keep future hurricane damage, by tide water, from washing our homes away.

This can be of great importance to the whole eastern part of Harris County; Houston as well. It will also protect over 500 homes in the area.

This levee will provide us with three large fresh water lakes. We are all aware of the need for fresh water and the great value it can be to our economic future.

We are all very anxious to secure this levee, not only the citizens of the area, but those throughout Harris County and adjoining counties as well.

So as our arm of government in Washington, will you please do your utmost to see that this legislation is favorably passed.

Thank you for your interest in our welfare.

Sincerely yours,

*Jesse Kirkpatrick*  
Jesse Kirkpatrick, D.D.S.

JK:jb

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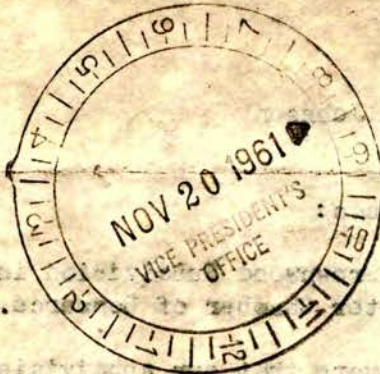
Mr. James H. [unclear]

General [unclear]

2100 [unclear]

Dayton, Texas

November 17, 1961



Dear Mr. [unclear]:

I am very glad to hear that you are interested in the [unclear] project.

The [unclear] project is a very important one and we are very interested in your participation. We are currently [unclear] the project and we are looking for [unclear] to help us in this effort.

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DISASTER

*hurricane Carla*

January 24, 1962

Dear General Gruenther:

It was good to receive your note of January 12, with the result of Red Cross assistance in Texas. The expenditure of \$5,600,000, to alleviate suffering caused by hurricane Carla, was a wonderful accomplishment. I am grateful to you, and members of your organization, who did so much to help the distressed people of our state.

I am happy to do anything I can to assist the Red Cross at any time.

With many thanks, and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

General Alfred M. Gruenther  
Office of the President  
The American National Red Cross  
National Headquarters  
Washington 6, D. C.

LBJ:WFJ:cjf



THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

get file

January 12, 1962

Dear Mr Vice President

Many many thanks  
for your fine letter  
of support for the  
Red Cross. It will  
be of great help to us.

All of our 18557

Hurricane Carla  
Cases have now  
been settled. The  
total cost will be  
about \$5,600,000 to  
the Red Cross

Best wishes always

Sincerely

Lynd M. Gruenewald

Disaster  
"Cuba"

January 25, 1962

Dear Mr. Cobb:

The letter signed by you and other members of the Velasco Drainage District is very much appreciated by me. I am glad to have the report as to the progress of your hurricane restoration program.

You may be sure that I was pleased to do what I could to be helpful in the situation and hope someday soon there may be some opportunity for me to visit your area and to see the levees and the other work you have done to overcome the threat of hurricanes.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. L. A. Cobb, Chairman  
Velasco Drainage District  
Post Office Box 195  
Lake Jackson, Texas  
LBJ:ACP:dlc

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January 25, 1962

Dear Mr. Cobb:

The letter signed by you and other sme

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January 25, 1962

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I very much appreciate the kind expression contained in the letter signed by you and other members of the Velasco Drainage District. I am delighted to have the report on the hurricane levees around Freeport.

I was pleased to be of such assistance as I could. We will continue to keep in touch with the progress of the levees and the recommendation of the Corps of Engineers.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Perry  
Assistant to the  
Vice President

Mr. L. A. Cobb, Chairman  
Velasco Drainage District  
Post Office Box 195  
Lake Jackson, Texas  
ACP:dlc

## BRAZORIA COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 2

MAIL ADDRESS  
POST OFFICE BOX 195  
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

FREIGHT AND EXPRESS  
DRAINAGE DIST. WAREHOUSE  
BROCKMAN ROAD  
CLUTE, TEXAS

January 23, 1962

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
Office of the Vice President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The emergency restoration of the hurricane protection levees surrounding Freeport and vicinity, Texas, after the destruction caused by Hurricane "Carla", has been substantially completed. We are protected against the smaller hurricanes in a firm and substantial manner, although, of course, hurricanes as large as "Carla" could overcome the existing levee system once again.

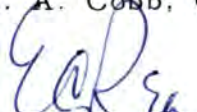
As one of the local agencies concerned with the care and maintenance of the levee system, we wish to express the appreciation of our community for your help in accomplishing this restoration program. As we review the busy and difficult weeks since last September, it is apparent that your prompt interest and concern provided the leadership that made it all possible.

We hope that you will visit our area soon, and allow us to show you the results of the aid and assistance that you provided when we needed it so sorely.

Very truly yours,

VELASCO DRAINAGE DISTRICT

  
L. A. Cobb, Chairman

  
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## BRAZORIA COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 2

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January 23, 1962

Mr. Arthur C. Perry  
Office of the Vice President  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perry:

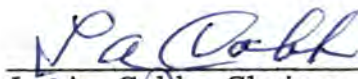
We wish to express the appreciation of the citizens of our District for your prompt and thoughtful assistance in making possible the emergency restoration of the hurricane protection levees around Freeport and vicinity, following their damage by Hurricane "Carla".

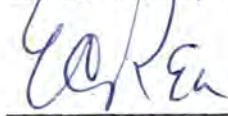
The restoration program has been substantially completed, affording us protection against smaller hurricanes. The plan for complete protection, prepared by the Corps of Engineers, should be transmitted soon to Congress for its approval.

On your next visit to our area, please let us show you personally the results of the wonderful help and assistance that you gave us.

Very truly yours,

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*hurricane Carla*

January 5, 1962

Dear Mrs. Sheley:

In reply to your letter of 17 November, and my interim communication of 5 December, I have had correspondence from the office of the Army Chief of Engineers which will be of interest to you.

Public Law 71, of the 84th Congress, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to make surveys for hurricane protection of critical areas along the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States. Under terms of this law, Army Engineers are looking into various means of protecting the Baytown area. Currently, they are considering the feasibility of the construction of a barrier which will protect your property from storm tides generated in the Gulf of Mexico.

Should this plan prove workable, studies looking toward its completion will be made, followed by construction of the barrier as funds are available.

Improvements of this magnitude take many months for accomplishment, sometimes years, but once they are completed they provide more than adequate protection for areas where they are installed.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Kathlyn R. Sheley  
2703 West Main  
Baytown, Texas

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22 December 1961

The Vice President  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

This is in reply to your recent letters inclosing letters from Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Kathlyn Randle Sheley, Baytown, Texas, concerning the hurricane problem in Galveston Bay, particularly between Bay Villa and Lynchburg including the Brownwood subdivision.

In a survey of the effects of hurricane "Carla", the District Engineer at Galveston found that damages in the Brown-Lockwood-Wooster area totalled about \$2,795,000 of which \$2,362,000 were attributable to water damage and \$433,000 were caused by the hurricane winds. Approximately 1,300 residences and 30 commercial buildings, located on lands with elevations of from 5 feet to 20 feet, were damaged. Water depths inside the homes and buildings varied from a few inches up to about 9.5 feet.

Public Law 71, 84th Congress authorizes the Secretary of the Army in cooperation with other Federal agencies to make surveys of hurricane protection for critical areas along the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States. The District Engineer at Galveston has completed studies at two urban areas and studies are presently under way at six additional localities, all on the Texas Gulf Coast, in response to this authority.

As a result of hurricane "Carla" we are faced with a need for gathering and evaluating new hydrologic and economic data, re-examining the needs of some areas, and coordinating our efforts with some recently affected local people whose interest in hurricane protection is now greater than ever before. At present we are not making a separate study of the feasibility of a local protection project at Baytown and do not plan at this time to do so; however, that area, together with other areas bordering on inland bays may be considered under possible future comprehensive studies.

Sincerely yours,

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1. Ltr Dr. Kirkpatrick to  
Vice Pres. Johnson, 17 Nov 61
2. Ltr Mrs. Sheley to Vice  
Pres. Johnson, 17 Nov 61

WILLIAM F. CASSIDY  
Major General, USA  
Director of Civil Works

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11 December 1961

The Vice President

United States Senate

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have your recent letter inclosing a letter from Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick of Baytown, Texas, concerning a levee to be built along the Houston Ship Channel, from Bay Villa to Lynchburg.

The Director of Civil Works will be pleased to inform you on this subject soon.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT M. TARBOX  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Assistant Director of Civil Works  
for Southwestern Divisions



2703 West Main  
Baytown, Texas  
November 17, 1961

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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*Mrs. Kathryn Randle Sheley*  
MRS. KATHLYN RANDLE SHELEY

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*hurricane Carla*

December 5, 1961

Dear Mrs. Sheley:

It is distressing to hear of the great damage you and your neighbors have suffered from hurricane Carla. I hope that action being taken to relieve the Baytown area from the tremendous loss incurred will be of some assistance in overcoming your difficulties.

In that connection, the construction of levees to prevent future damage to the Baytown area, is a program that is being given serious consideration.

I am forwarding your letter, which is one of several I have received on the subject, to the office of the Chief of Engineers for information on which I may send a reply to you on the status of this project.

With kindest regards.

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