

September 7, 1948

Mr. H. Conger Jones
P. O. Box 562
Del Rio, Texas

Dear Conger:

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your letter of September 3rd. You certainly did a splendid job in Val Verde County, and I shall always be grateful to you. Nothing could have pleased me more than to hear you were going to be at the Fort Worth Convention, and I am looking forward to seeing you at that time.

Let me know if you do not obtain hotel reservations and maybe I can be of some assistance. With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

WJ:md
Fort Worth Convention



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STATE OF TEXAS

H. Conger JONES

Civil Engineer and Surveyor

P. O. BOX 562
DEL RIO, TEXAS

3 September 1948.

SEP 5 1948

Val Verde-21

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson,
301 West 8th St.,
Austin, Texas.

Hon. Sir;

Val Verde County Primary votes canvassed this morning at 10:00 was present and went over returns, myself. There were no mistakes and am sending you herewith report signed by County Democratic Chairman.

At the election, we were represented on the various boards, in the two largest boxes by Mrs. Jones and my father. In one box the only vote we got was my man who was working.

I am not happy about the results, but am satisfied that the returns herewith are correct.

*Incidentally, Mr. W. W. Gaines, publisher of the Del Rio News-Herald and myself are delegates from this county (no others) to the Ft. Worth Convention. I am not too sure of Mr. Gaines, however he is connected with Charles Woodson of Brownwood in the newspaper business, and believe Woodson or Ed Johnson could make him be right in case of need. However I would like some coaching in case anything is coming up there. Were unable to get Hotel rooms in Ft. Worth, but Gaines is working thru news-paper friends to get us a "flop" in Dallas.

Trusting that we will still come out "top dog," I am,

Yours truly,

H. Conger Jones.

September 7, 1948.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson,
Goliad,
Texas.

Dear Marie:

Many thanks for sending me copies of your letters of the 31st to Bob Calvert and Governor Jester. I appreciate your interest in this matter and your efforts to see that each party is fairly treated.

I know that one of the members of the Democratic Executive Committee has wired all other members to be at Fort Worth and "use your influence for Coke Stevenson." I am not asking anyone to use influence in my behalf, but only that my friends make every effort to see that the law is followed in certifying the man with the majority of the votes. I know I can count on you to see that there is fair play.

I look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth.

With kind regards and many thanks, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Re
Senate Race 1948

Ft. Worth Cour,

September 7, 1948

Mr. Edgar S. Keefe
523 Wilson Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your letter of September 5th. I want you to know I appreciate your advice and counsel and the suggestions you have just made are extremely helpful. You may be sure that the plan will be followed through and not a stone will be left unturned at the Convention.

It may be that I will be calling on you to make a trip for a day or so, as you mentioned. In that event, I will get in touch with you by phone.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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EDGAR S. KEEFE
ATTORNEY

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523 WILSON BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

Sept. 5, 1948

SEP 5 1948

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
301 West Eight
Austin, Texas

Dear Congressman:

I know that you have thought about the convention angle, but I have just this to add.

I wonder if John or Claude can break the state up into county set-ups for getting every delegate friendly to you to attend. For example people like Slow Daniel in Crockett, J. W. Chandler in Jacksonville, and people active in your race over the state could contact all people in their county and get them pledged to attend, and in cases where financial assistance was needed raise some funds in their county.

It seems to me to be highly important.

I remember at the May convention that missing-county delegates would have made the difference. And where absolutely impossible proxies should be obtained.

I can make a day or so trip in this if you need me, and I intend to call a couple of people about it, in other counties.

Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Keefe

DC

September 7, 1948.

Mrs. Wade Sadler,
Gatesville,
Texas.

My dear Friend:

Please know that although I have not had an opportunity to answer your letter of the 31st, I read it immediately upon receipt and have been grateful each day during the past week that I have you for a friend.

I am notifying the committee that I would like for Mr. Jerome Sneed and Mrs. Alma Lee Holman to represent me because they are residents of Austin and our neighboring county, Williamson. Had I been offered three representatives, I would have named you as the third one, but since there are only two it seems that my neighbors are the logical ones to be present in my behalf. I know though that I can depend on you to see that I receive fair play and that the letter of the law is followed. That is all that I am asking. I know that one of the members of the Executive Committee has wired the other members to use their influence in behalf of Coke Stevenson. I am not asking anyone to "use their influence" in my behalf -- but only as stated above, that the law be followed in certifying the man with the majority of the votes.

I will be in Fort Worth Sunday and look forward to seeing you.

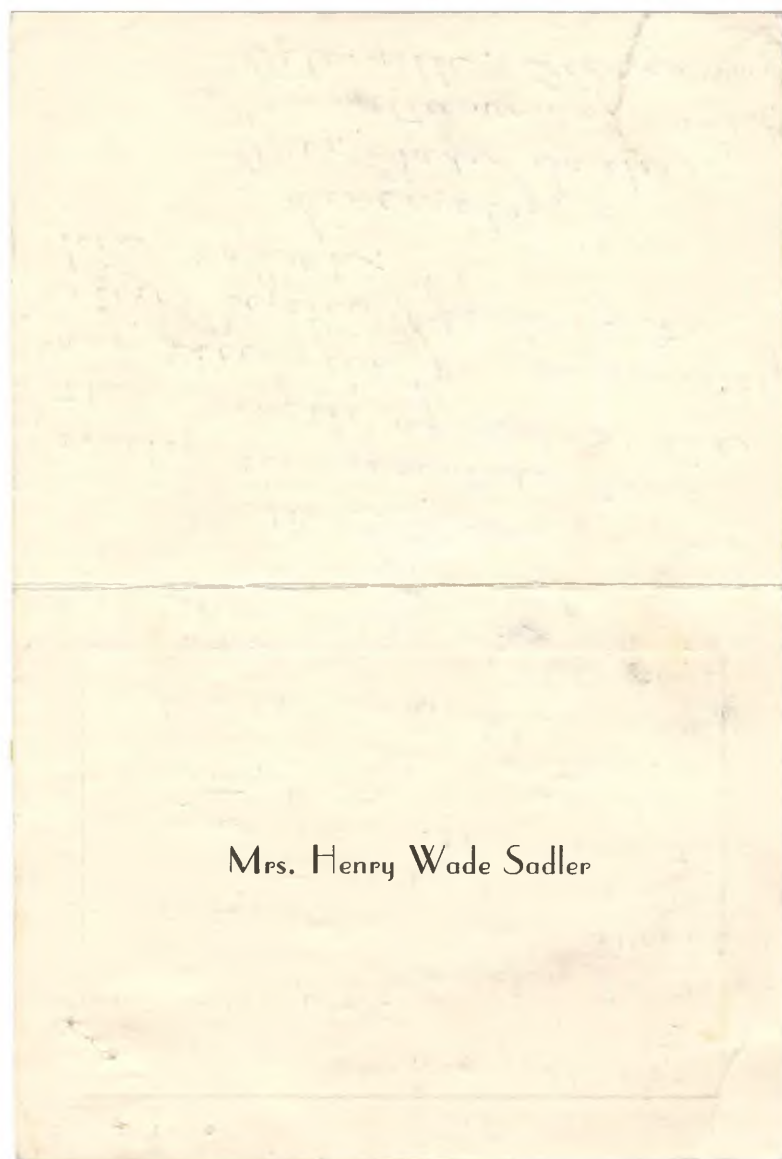
With kindest regards, and assuring you of my eternal gratitude for your friendship and assistance to me during this campaign, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Senate race 1948

Lyndon B. Johnson
77. Worth Conv.



SEP 1 1948

Gatesville, Texas
Aug. 31, 1948

Dear Lyndon:

It was brought to my attention that you would be permitted to select two persons from the Executive Committee to assist in canvassing the votes.

Should you desire my services, I should be happy indeed to act in your behalf.

Needless to say, I am sorely disappointed that the people of Texas did not see fit to permanently retire your opponent to his ranch.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wade Sadler
Committee woman 21st dist.
Gatesville, Texas

Counties that will canvas today - Saturday

Anderson

Bailey

Bee

Bell

Brazoria

Caldwell.

Chambers

Clay

Coke

Collin

Comal

Comanche

Cooke

Culberson

Deaf Smith

Denton

Duval

El Paso

Fannin

Fayette

Floyd

Fort Bend

Freestone

Galveston

Glasscock

Goliad

Gray

Grayson

Hall

Harris

Haskell

Hays

Henderson

Hidalgo

Hill

Hockley

Hopkins

Hunt

Jefferson

Jim Hogg

Kaufman

Kenedy

Kleberg

Lamar

Lamb

Lampassas

~~Laredo~~

Leon

Liberty -

Limestone

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Lubbock

McCullough

Medina

Montagne

Moore

Nacogdoches

Navarro

Nueces

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Parker

Potter

Reagan

Roberts

Rusk

~~Shelby~~

Sherman

Smith

~~Somervell~~

Starr

Swisher

Tarrant

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Terry

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Uvalde

Victoria

~~Ward~~

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Wise

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~~**Sumner**~~

Starr

Swisher

Tarrant

Taylor

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Travis

Tyler

Upshur

Uvalde

Victoria

~~Ward~~

~~Wise Young~~

Wharton

Wise

Young

Zapata

Zavala

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

MERRITT H. GIBSON
FRANK C. BOLTON, JR.

Sept. 3, 1948

Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson
301 West 8th Street
Austin, Texas.

Dear Friend Lyndon:

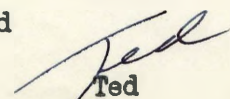
You will never know how grateful I am to you for calling me this morning. I had not the slightest inkling of the things you revealed to me and now that I know, the entire picture is very clear as to what all happened and it fits in with many other things that I had heard but didn't believe. Honest to God I didn't know there were people actually living who would do things like that especially in a place this size where the comparing of notes is an every day pastime. It sounds like the fantastic working of a mind under the influence of narcotics. I hope that soon I can talk with you in person regarding the thing from beginning to end. Above all else, win, lose or draw I want you as a friend more than anything.

Here is the list of the delegates that I promised you this morning. I have checked those that I know to be "Johnson" men and as you will note it looks like a very unfriendly crowd. However since all the rest are Dixiecrats and that fact that they probably won't be seated should work to our interest if we can get some of our friends named to the convention.

I must go now I have to set up some voting machines for an election in Greggton. Dam those things, I can't stand the sight of them now and hope that soon I can tell them to take them and go to hell with them.

For fifteen years I have had the reputation of being honest and befriending the little man in this county. I have handled thousands and thousands of dollars of the county's money in buying right of way and as County purchasing agent and never in all these years have I ever been questioned about a single cent; or my honesty in elections. Had it not been for you I probably would never have known that a certain party accused me. I shall keep what you told me in strict confidence. God bless you and I hope I can see you soon

Your friend


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Delegates from Gregg County to State Convention, Fort Worth, September 14, 1948

J. N. Saye

Henry Harbour

G. A. McCreight

W. Morgan Works

H. O. Gossett

Merritt H. Gibson

Mrs. F. C. Carlton

L. F. Burke

H. L. Long

R. S. Boswell

Daris Hutchin

A. P. Merritt

Paul Branch ✓

Eugene Germany

Morris Baird

Cecil Storey

James T Ogg

John Ben Sheppard ✓

C. R. Langford

Alternates

Carl Addison

W. T. Crowder, Jr.

Floyd Lane

Sam Riley

R. A. Thurmond

W. L. Goodson

John Harris ~~son~~

B. E. Masters

Sid Carter

Dayton Walkup

 Stout

John T. Crim, Jr.

Grady Jones

B. H. Broiles ✓



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Sept. 7, 1948

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SEP 8 1948

Lyndon B. Johnson Headquarters
Stephen F. Austin Hotel
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

In response to Lyndon's radio appeal of last nite,
I took an immediate survey of delegates who will attend the
State Convention in Ft. Worth.

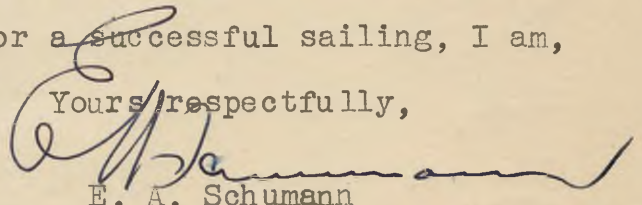
Alton Lockett	Attorney.....	Stevenson
Mrs. Alton Lockett...	District Committee-	Doubtful
	Woman, 19th Dist.	
	to State Democratic	
	Committee	
Ed Badough.....	County Chairman	Doubtful
	Former Attorney for	
	Gulf Sulphur	
Walter Dillard	Textile Mill Execu-...	Stevenson
	tive	
	(Seemingly not qualified, not	
	having lived in State the time	
	prescribed by law)	
Virgil Johnson	Secretary, Chamber of	
	Commerce.....	100% Johnson

Personally would recommend Mr. Johnson for any
critical appointment on committees which require 100% Johnson
supporter.

I am giving you this breakdown on delegates to the
State Convention so you can arrange your primary plans for
Lyndon's support. I, myself, am a delegate, but due to an urgent
meeting of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Monday the 13th,
it will be impossible for me to attend.

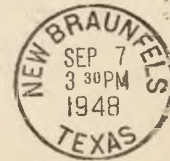
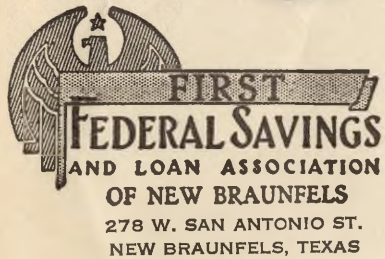
With best of hopes for a successful sailing, I am,

Yours respectfully,


E. A. Schumann

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E. A. Schumann



Lyndon B. Johnson Headquarters
Stephen F. Austin Hotel
Austin, Texas

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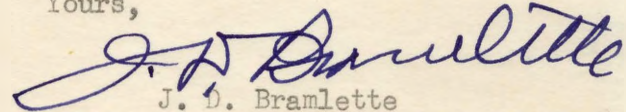
Sinton, Texas
Saturday, Sept. 11th.

Johnson Headquarters
Austin:

Just to report--San Patricio County will have John Dawson, from Sinton, to cast the votes for this county. The other representatives have consented--thru a Stevenson co-Chairman, to send all their proxies to State Senator John J. Bell, Cuero. Bell told me over phone that he was for Johnson--he may bear watching, that I am not sure about. I had a letter from my son, a Vet, in Cuero, and he says Bell will stand ok; but that "He does not want to stick his neck out--Coke has been on him before, and he got hurt etc".

I'm just sorry that I cant come; but I was out of town when the county convention was held-- had voted and gone on to Austin. But we now feel that matters for this county are in good hands-- John Dawson is no beginner at this job.

Yours,


J. D. Bramlette

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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San Antonio Texas 148 pm Sept 4, 1948

Mrs John S Simmang
Giddings, Texas.

It's most important you be at Fort Worth Convention september 14th
Use all your influence for coke Stevenson.

Mrs Claud Hudspeth
235-pm

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YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUBS OF TEXAS

603 M. & M. Building

HOUSTON, TEXAS

JIMMIE BRINKLEY, PRESIDENT

SEP 7 1948

September 5, 1948

Dear Fellow Texan:

John Ben Shepperd has been selected as the "most outstanding young Texan" by the Young Democratic Clubs of Texas.

We are planning to honor John Ben with a dinner at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth at 7 p.m., September 13, the night before the State Democratic Convention.

You are cordially invited and urged to attend. Governor Jester and other State and Party officers have indicated their desire to join us in paying tribute to this outstanding young Texan.

Tickets will be \$2.00 and you may make your reservations by writing Fred Korth, Electric Building, Fort Worth. We hope you will bring many of your friends.

We shall be looking forward to the pleasure of your company on this occasion.

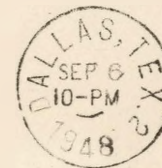
Sincerely,

Jimmie Brinkley
Jimmie Brinkley, President
Young Democratic Clubs of Texas

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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson

Member of Congress

Austin, Texas

B. H. DEWEY, JR.
Associate

COULTER HOPPESS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
COULTER BLDG.
BRYAN, TEXAS

September 8, 1948

Brazos

SEP 9 1948

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
301 West Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1948, in regard to your run-off campaign.

We were delighted that Brazos County gave you a majority of over six hundred votes.

I am attending the Democratic Convention in Fort Worth on Tuesday, September 14, and will be at the Blackstone Hotel. Here is a list of the delegates from Brazos County who are planning to attend and are your supporters:

Judge and Mrs. W. S. Barron,
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Adams,
Judge A. S. Ware.

Your supporters are also strong Democrats, and are also for the Truman-Barkley ticket. Our delegation is uninstructed, and we will have a few Dixiecrats at the Convention. A number of these Dixiecrats are also strong Stevenson supporters.

Cliff Carter and Buddy Williams are not delegates to this Convention, and will be unable to attend; however, I will help you in any way I can.

Your friend,

B. H. Dewey Jr.
B. H. DEWEY, JR.

BHD:mc

cc--Mr. Cliff Carter
Bryan, Texas

September 10, 1948

Mr. J. D. Bramlette
Box 207
Sinton, Texas

Dear Friend:

I certainly appreciated your letter which arrived this week and I am so glad to know that you are taking so much interest in this race. Your kind of help will go a long way toward assuring us our honestly won victory at Fort Worth.

I particularly appreciate your interest in John Bell, and I am glad that you came up with such a happy report. John has been a friend for a long time.

Thanks again for all that you have done. If ever I can do anything for you, let me know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lyndoh B. Johnson

HB:wdt
San Patricio

✓ SEP 9th 1948

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P.O.Box 207
Sinton, Texas (San Pat County)
Sept. 8, 1948

Hon. Lindon B. Johnson
Austin

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your supporters here in this county find that our new county chairman Judge W. B. Moss, has given "proxies" for all but one of our delegates to the Ft. Worth Convention. He told me last night that one of the delegates had not answered his letter—was out of town.

We do not know what State Senator, John J. Bell, wants to use the proxies for or how; but this county gave a safe majority for Lindon B. Johnson; and if there is any voting to be done on the U. S. Senator's race, we would like for our county to be on the right side. Possibly, there is nothing to it; and that you understand fully what is being done. We do not know if John J. Bell, State Senator, from Cuero is for you or not.

Yours Truly,

N. B. ~~xxxxxx just talked to xxxxxxxx~~

J. D. Bramlette

I have just finished talking to my son, J. D. Bramlette, Jr. and also to Hon. John J. Bell, State Senator—and everything is ok—Bell is for you, and quote: "I have tied into Coke in Austin several times and got the worst of it. This time, I have been quiet, and staid in the background—"

I merely repeated to him, as above, San Pat County friends of Lindon B. Johnson, would not look with favor on any encouragement given to Stephen by a proxie from this county—

JDB

SEP 9th 1948

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HONORABLE F W BOURKE

GOOSECREEK, TEXAS

PLEASE CONTACT ROY HOFFHEINZ AT HOUSTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT TO
DO AT THE FORT WORTH CONVENTION

MRS MIRIAM FERGUSON

Charge to:
Johnson for Senator Committee

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Fort Worth Convention

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=MRS MIRIAM FERGUSON=

CARE LYNDON JOHNSON HDQTRS 301 WEST 8 TH ST
AUSTIN TEX=

NO REPLY TO MY TELEGRAM SEPT 3 WIRE IF NEED ME FORT WORTH

13TH AND WHAT EVIDENCE YOU WISH ME PRODUCE=

F W BOURKE REPRESENTATIVE=

3 13..

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R. T. AGAR, TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR
F. T. GRAHAM, COUNTY ATTORNEY
CHAUNCEY S. REID, DISTRICT CLERK
MRS. W. R. JONES, TREASURER
JAS. D. KOONCE, COUNTY SCHOOL Supt.



OSCAR C. DANCY, COUNTY JUDGE
TED HUNT, PRECINCT NO. 1, PORT ISABEL
FRED RECIO, PRECINCT NO. 2, BROWNSVILLE
A. D. BOWIE, PRECINCT NO. 3, SAN BENITO
A. A. KIMMELL, PRECINCT NO. 4, HARLINGEN
H. D. SEAGO, COUNTY CLERK
L. A. BAUER, COUNTY AUDITOR

SEP 9 1948

CAMERON COUNTY

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

September 7, 1948

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Hon. Lyndon Johnson
Austin, Texas

Dear Lyndon:

Sorry I had to be away from home last night and did not listen to your speech at 7:30. I trust that you have this mimeographed and will ask that you send me copy. I will actually buy a copy of the Dallas News, however, this afternoon - hoping that it might have it.

I think the Dallas News has become a menace to Democratic, progressive and liberal government in this State. As a matter of fact, I think it should go the way of the Literary Digest.

I am enclosing you Clipping of an Editorial from the Valley Morning Star of this morning. If the Star, the Monitor, or the Herald took any part in the Senatorial election, I did not catch it.

I am quite sure that Si Cassady supported you. He is really the boss of all the papers.

We had the bitterest campaign for Congress ever known in this Congressional District. Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., was elected by about 10,000 majority - not quite as large as I anticipated - considering the unlimited money that was behind his campaign, and the extra bitter campaign that was made against Laredo and the front end of the district.

Lyndon, of course, you know something about machines. It is a good machine that supports you and the bad machine that does not support you. I have absolutely reliable information that the Bentsen supporters went hat in hand to the Laredo machine and begged their support; and, when they couldn't get it, turned loose such a tirade of abuse over the radio and through the press as I have

never known of before.

Frankly, I was so disgusted with the campaign that was carried on and the unfairness handed to Mr. Kazen, that I voted for Mr. Kazen.

The Laredo machine also supported you. Also Duval County. So far no one has yet accused George Farr of lack of brains. I think the same thing applies to Judge Raymond and the Laredo forces; but, no use to kid yourself, they are going to hit you with all the power that is in them on the Webb County and Duval County votes, so better be ready for it.

The Donna machine, which is the second biggest machine in this district to the Laredo machine went for Bentsen about 22 to 1 while Webb County only went for Kazen not quite 10 to 1. So, you see, after all, its whose ox is gored.

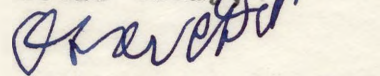
Mr. Bentsen seems to be an admirer of yours, and I hope he is; and, if he does and will take your advice on water, we will do some big things down here; but first, is to cinch your election. Then I want to take up the water question with you. I don't know that there is anything in this letter that would even warrant your precious time in reading it, but I just what to advise you.

Cameron County is instructed to vote as a unit. Our delegation is not by any means a "Johnson-for-Senator" delegation, but I do think it is about 2 to 1. It depends on our getting there.

I am working with John Barron to see that every Johnson man gets to Fort Worth. I hope to get them reservations at the Worth Hotel and get in there sometime Sunday. I rather think I will leave here Saturday. Don't think Mr. Barron is one of the delegates, but we will get him there someway, somehow.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,



Oscar C. Dancy
County Judge.

OCD/ssm

September 10, 1948

Judge Oscar C. Dancy
County Judge, Cameron County
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Judge:

I surely am enjoying these letters from you. They give me something solid to bite into every day; and, needless to say, we think alike on subjects like the Dallas News.

I don't think there is any chance of the Dallas News going the way of the Literary Digest. I read it myself, just like you.

You and John Barron keep up that work on getting the delegates up to Fort Worth. We will need their support and will have to have them there to do us any good.

Your comments on the Congressional race down there were very interesting. I hope that the bitterness will not last.

Thank you again for writing. With best wishes, I
am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

HB:md
Cameron - 15

Fort Worth Convention

Investigation In Order

BY ALL MEANS let's have an investigation into the tight senatorial run-off race between former Gov. Coke Stevenson and Congressman Lyndon Johnson.

There have been charges and counter-charges by both candidates as the unofficial totals, compiled by the Texas Election Bureau, favored first one and then the other.

Each has hinted at juggling of returns, at coercion of voters by political machines and other irregularities both on election day and since.

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WHOEVER IS FINALLY declared winner of the Democratic nomination for senator—ordinarily tantamount to election—is entitled to a "clean bill of health", an assurance to the voters that his election was honest and above-board. And represents the true will of the majority.

Just as the loser is entitled to assurance that he was not "counted out" of victory, or otherwise penalized by illegal tactics.

An all-out investigation is called for, in our estimation, both for the sake of the candidates and to maintain public confidence in our election system.

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IF, DURING SUCH AN investigation, evidence is turned up that can be used to smash such political machines as still flourish in Texas, fine!

Here in the Valley, from our 15th district congressional race, we know that such machines can and do constitute a definite menace to free elections.

The block voting in Webb or Duval counties, to mention two with which we are familiar, can easily be the determining factor in the Senate race, setting at naught the free voting over most of the rest of the state and giving those two counties a balance of power which cannot be left in the hands of a few political "bosses."

September 8, 1948

Mr. Fred V. Meridith
Cartwright Building
Terrell, Texas

Dear Fred:

This morning your letter of September 7th came to my desk and I just want to drop you a note and tell you how much I appreciate your looking after the certification from the County Chairman in Kaufman County. I, too, feel that you have done a splendid job up there and haven't a complaint in the world to register. I just wish that in this campaign I had had more devoted workers like you putting forth the same kind of effort that you put forth.

I'm pleased to know that you are going to be in Ft. Worth and by all means come by and see me when you get in. Many thanks again for everything.

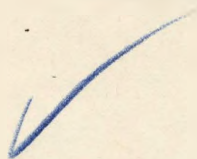
Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Ft. Worth Convention

Kaufman

FRED V. MERIDITH
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
CARTWRIGHT BUILDING
TERRELL, TEXAS



September 7, 1948

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
301 West Eighth Street
Austin, Texas.

SEP 8 1948

Dear Lyndon:

I trust that soon there will be no doubt but what we will be able to address you in the future as Senator. Reports are most encouraging, and although it has been my characteristic to be a bit pessimistic until the turn of the last card, I am now optimistic. You've done a good job in this campaign and I have been proud of you and to have been a member of the organization in your behalf. Please accept my congratulations. I expect to be among those present in Ft. Worth and to see you personally. I have been unable to make hotel reservations but can probably find a friend that will put up with me.

Enclosed find your last form by which the Chairman states to you the vote which he certified to the State committee, showing your vote in Kaufman County to have been 2734 and Stevenson's 3039. Although we did not carry Kaufman County we feel that we did a good job and won a moral victory here compared to the vote we got in first primary and the stronghold that your opponent had in this county before your entrance into the race. In the second primary we carried practically all of the 39 boxes with exception of Ward 3 in Terrell and the Kemp box, both of which places gave Stevenson his majority.

In talking long distance with Buster Cole of Bonham today, double checking on these county certifications of the vote, he advised that Mr. Rayburn in the last few days of the campaign had been instrumental in getting out 5000 circulars in Fannin county in your behalf; thought you would want to know this.

Cordially,

Your friend,

Fred

FVM:s

September 8, 1948

Mr. Houston Hart
San Angelo Standard Times
San Angelo, Texas

Dear Houston:

The proxies you enclosed with your recent letter will be perfectly all right for use at the Convention. I hope that you are securing as many as possible. Still can't tell just what sort of fight we will be faced with but I want to be prepared for any eventuality.

God bless you. I will never forget you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

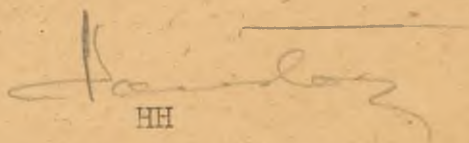
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Dear Lyndon:-

If there is anything the matter with these tell us quick, for we have men out on the road getting these counties signed up. We expect to list about four names in the proxies so we can be sure and have some one ~~XXXX~~ at every county caucus.

I talked to Beauford. He said he had to get the facts and then "you know I will do the right thing". He said he was to see you in about an hour.

Yours in the bond and blood of the 1948 senate race.



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....., Texas,
September, 1948

Honorable Bob Calvert,
State Democratic Chairman,
Austin, Texas.

I,,
Chairman of the
County Democratic Executive Committee, do hereby certify that
the following delegates were duly elected to the State Democratic
Convention to begin at Fort Worth, Texas, on the 14th day of
September, A. D. 1948:

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Witness my hand at
Texas, this the day of September, A. D. 1948.

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Chairman of the
County Democratic Executive Committee.

Witness:
.....

September 8, 1948

Honorable Warwick H. Jenkins
Attorney at Law
Chapman Building
Waxahachie, Texas

Dear Warwick:

During the past few days I have been kept pretty much on the run, but I want to take a moment to thank you for your recent letter. I still consider it important to have a signed certificate from the County Chairman, if you think it advisable to approach him on the matter. I want to go to the Convention prepared for any eventuality, and ~~one~~ way to be prepared is to have such a certificate from each of the 252 counties that held an election.

Let me tell you how mindful I am of the fact that you worked so very hard in my behalf during these long summer months. The only way that I know to repay this service is to work hard at being a good United States Senator.

Certainly glad to know that you are going to be at the Convention. Be sure to drop around and see me at the hotel.

Again, many thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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WARWICK H. JENKINS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
CHAPMAN BUILDING
WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

September 7, 1948

SEP 8 1948

Mr. Lyndon Johnson
State Headquarters
301 West Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Lyndon:

I received your letter enclosing certificate for the signature of the county chairman this morning. As you perhaps have gathered I have not received much cooperation from this county chairman, and I do not anticipate any this time. However, I can certify myself that the figures I gave you, namely 3860 for Stevenson and 3008 for Johnson were the figures certified by the Ellis County democrat executive committee last Saturday, September 4, as I was present on that occasion. I also observed the chairman as he signed the certification to the state chairman and heard him when he told the secretary to immediately mail the certificate by registered special delivery mail to the state chairman. Therefore I think you can depend upon these figures without reservations.

I am very pleased by the outcome of the vote so far. I feel sure that this will be the final vote, and that you are the next senator.

*Note
Matter*
Fortunately, I have been named as an alternate to the Fort Worth convention, and expect to be there on your side, if needed. However, as I see it there will be only a formality of certification and tabulation to go through with. Attention will be centered mostly on the Dixiecrat issue, and that will be to your advantage, I am sure.

Congratulations and I will see you in Fort Worth.

Very truly yours,

Warwick
Warwick H. Jenkins

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Check with Van Kennedy as the official canvass returns come in from each respective county. Take the number on that official canvass as certified by the Chairman and then have Lyndon to wire that to each respective person in each county and have that checked against what the official canvas shows in that canvas by the Executive Committee.

In addition to that check with the County Chairman from his talley sheets and the poll list and the return of the primary and take that information and give to each Election Judge and see what his talley sheet shows as to the number of votes cast for each candidate, and have that person confirm that to Lyndon.

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September 9, 1948

Mr. Sam Fore, Jr.
Floresville Chronicle-Journal
Floresville, Texas

Dear Sam:

The letter you requested has already been mailed to you. Also you can count on staying in one of the rooms in the Congressman's Home at the Texas Hotel. Just ask for accommodations in Lyndon's name.

Looking forward to seeing you in Ft. Worth at the Convention.

Sincerely,

John Connally

cc/cnj
Ft. Worth Convention

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September 7, 1948

Mr. John Connally
1901 Dillman Street
Austin, Texas

Dear John:

This is a MUST. Please secure for me at once and mail the three-page mimeograph letter that Governor Jester sent out to the State Democratic Executive Committee members prior to the County Conventions held on July 31 in which he urged the support of Truman and Barkley. and all nominees of the Democratic Party. This letter was incorporated into the minutes of the Wilson County Convention but DeWitt Murray's report to the State Secretary and to me for my paper did not include the full letter, merely the fact that they agreed to support the nominees. I want it to take to Fort Worth with me without fail. If you get it from Paul Brown be sure not to mention my name in connection therewith. I need it as soon as possible and must have one.

Just back from Poth and Bill Woellert, Clyde Fahrenthold and myself will definitely go to the convention 100%. Louis Kollodziej was going but now finds it impossible. I have phoned Jess Dennis to come in from his farm and will urge him to take Kollodziej's place. Do not know plans of the opposition and we are telling them nothing. Understand this morning that DeWitt Murray from here and Dooley Williams of Sutherland Springs plan to go. They are definitely not for Lyndon

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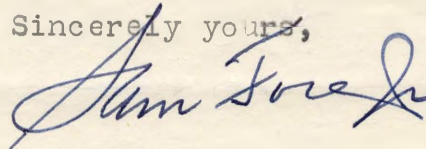
I have written both the Texas Hotel and the Blackstone for reservations for our four but I will be very happy if you would have Lyndon see if he can get us reservations at the Texas or the Blackstone with immediate letter stating in same that I have also written them in person.

It was a real pleasure to visit in your hospitable home and meet you and your fine family Sunday and of course to be with Lyndon and the others. You will never know how much I enjoyed it and appreciated the courtesies.

Lyndon's speech last night went over big here.

With all good wishes and hoping and praying for a final and glorious victory.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sam Fore Jr." with a stylized, cursive script.

September 9, 1948

Mr. Edgar S. Keefe
Attorney
Lacy Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Ed:

Just a note to thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the Congressman. I know he appreciated hearing from you, and I am even more sure that he is going to follow through on this suggestion.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention,
I am

Sincerely,

John Connally

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Fort Worth Convention

John, here
something I think
very important -
you a real
manager

Sept. 5, 1948

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
301 West Eighth
Austin, Texas

Dear Congressman:

I know that you have thought about the convention angle, but I have just this to add.

I wonder if John or Claude can break the state up into county set-ups for getting every delegate friendly to you to attend. For example people like Slow Daniel in Crockett, J. W. Chandler in Jacksonville, and people active in your race over the state could contact all people in their county and get them pledged to attend, and in cases where financial assistance was needed raise some funds in their county.

It seems to me to be highly important.

I remember at the May convention that missing-county delegates would have made the difference. And where absolutely impossible proxies should be obtained.

I can make a day or so trip in this if you need me, and I intend to call a couple of people about it in other counties.

Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Ed S. Felt

September 7, 1948

Mr. Ted Ryder
Suite 229, Hotel Longview
Longview, Texas

Dear Ted:

Thanks for sending me the clipping from the
Gladewater Tribune. I enjoyed seeing it, and I am
glad to hear that Broiles is going to be at the Con-
vention.

I hope you are making your plans to be in
Fort Worth next week, because I am anxious to see
you and talk over the campaign.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Gregg

Ft. Worth

Lyndon: Read this editorial
by B.H. Broiles in the Glade
Water Tribune. By the way, Broiles

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Editorial Opinion

Johnson's Surprising Speed In Second Race Features Election

If official returns of the Democratic committee approximate those of the unofficial Texas Election Bureau, Coke Stevenson, Junction rancher, banker, politician and former governor, will represent Texas in the United States senate, succeeding the one-term Senator W. Lee O'Daniel. Many Texans who supported the able young campaigner, Lyndon Johnson, will consider Stevenson quite and improvement over O'Daniel.

Johnson, in his second primary race, made a tremendous campaign. He came up from a poor second to almost a tie in what appears to be Texas' closest election in many years. He can have the satisfaction, if indeed he needs it, that he came within a very few votes of being elected U. S. senator twice. It's hard to lose once by 1,300 votes and again by 300 votes, but Johnson is young and may be heard from again in politics.

The winning psychology favored Stevenson. He was so far in the lead as to discourage even some of the ardent Johnson supporters. That the energetic congressman came up to nearly half the votes is, indeed, remarkable.

Although this newspaper has a reputation of knowing what's going on in Gregg county, it must confess it is at a loss to figure out just why Gregg county, called a CIO county by Stevenson, gave Johnson a 300 vote lead in the first race and Stevenson a two to one vote in the second primary. Things doubtless happened. The machine vote, if it may be called that, flopped over. Just what the influences were to cause such a reversal we are not able to say.

A close study of the returns indicates that labor supported Stevenson heavier in the second race than in the first. The negro vote most certainly went to Stevenson, a reversal from the first primary. The "liberals" in politics went into the campaign with enthusiasm, but had the pep knocked out of them by Johnson himself.

In the greatest rally of his second primary, in Longview, liberals saw Johnson give convincing argument that he wasn't, after all, a liberal, apologized for his friendship for Roosevelt, boasted of his vote on the Taft-Hartley bill, and got his greatest applause when he came out solidly against civil rights. All that didn't set well with the so-called liberals of Gregg county. Neither did his speech make friends among labor the negro vote or the rank and file.

The very campaign which

second race. And money was lacking on the Johnson side.

Democracy and a free vote is the greatest thing in America. Elections go as the people vote, and the people have spoken up for the elder statesman in preference to the young war veteran, and that's the way of freedom. It's not half so important that his or that candidate win as that the people have their free vote, and choose whomsoever they please, whether it's a Long in Louisiana, a Stevenson in Texas, or a Rankin in Mississippi.

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and strong for you.

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