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April 5, 1949

Mr. John B. Connally,
Executive Assistant to
U. S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,
Senate Office Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

Personal.

Dear Dan:

I have your letter of March 28th, with copy of news
clippings attached in the matter of old Sam Davis, and while
he is licensed to practice law he is employed by the Security
Trust Co., in the South Texas Bank Building. He is a Roman
Catholic, about 45 years of age, and
since I have him I have inquiry from a friend of mine who
offices in the U. S. Navy.

Dear Dan:

Your letter of April 1 has reached me, and
we were very grateful for the information which
it contained.

I am sorry to have to impose on you for
things like that, but at times we have no one else
that we can rely on.

Sincerely,

John B. Connally

Honorable Daniel J. Quill
Postmaster
San Antonio 5, Texas

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Seating—Johnson

Daniel J. Quill,
Postmaster.

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United States Post Office

SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

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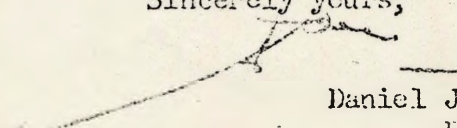
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Concerning Dibrell and Gardner, Ben Foster has on several occasions taken them to lunch and tried to counsel with them, but it seems that since Coke helped educate Dibrell he has a very close affection for him. While I cannot answer your question as to why they are still functioning, it would be my thought that these two fellows are young, active, inexperienced, and most likely are being urged on by Josh Groce and his crowd. They had previously promised Ben that they would make no public utterances, but the clippings you furnished copies of prove they did not keep their word.

I purposely did not send the express clipping as I had heard that Lyndon was in the hospital and did not want to worry him; however, it seems that no one here is worried about the outcome, and when I am told "the matter will be looked into" I don't place much importance to the interest the matter would be receiving.

With good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Daniel J. Quill,
Postmaster.

PETITION

1. Under the provisions of Article I, of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, we, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Texas, do humbly petition the members of the United States Senate to investigate and publicly divulge the actions and policies of the candidates for nomination for United States Senator in the Democratic Run-Off Primary Election in Texas held on 28 August, 1948, in which election the guarantee to the citizens of this state of a free and unobstructed form of government, as set out in Section 4, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the United States, was abridged and nullified in this State, and,
2. We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Texas, do further humbly petition under Section 3, of Article XIV, of the Constitution of the United States, that no Democratic nominee for United States Senator be seated until and after the investigation petitioned above shall be complete.

Signature of Citizen	Home Address of Citizen	County
E. B. McFarlin,	St. Anthony Hotel	Bexar
Fred W. Shield,	100 Alameda Circle	Bexar
Tom Slick		
Arthur A. Seeligson, Jr.		
L. A. Douglas,	308 Kennedy,	Bexar
R. W. Patton,	842 Milam Bldg.	Bexar
J. P. Locke	635 Milam Bldg.	Bexar
Winchester Kelso	635 Milam Bldg.	Bexar
Gilbert Denson, Jr.	Rt. 8, Box 400	Bexar
	Etc.	

Citizens' Committee against Political Fraud

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San Antonio 6, Texas

C O P Y

Nov. 17, 1948

Mr. W. P. Luse
Magnolia Bldg.
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Luse:

As I examine the report of unreturned petition sheets, it occurs this office can more expeditiously handle San Antonio names than your office can so I am having Judge Campbell call them. Also, Mr. Zeppa in Tyler has been in contact with us and will handle Tyler and surrounding counties.

As soon as the petition sheets are processed they are put into a permanent folder from which they will be assembled in alphabetical order by counties, bound by a printer, and an embossed cover added to the book for appearance.

In reference to the financing, I am the world's worst guesser on what such a campaign as ours will cost. Up to the present, I have been paying the bills as they are incurred, and then pushing Judge Campbell to get me off the hook. I keep about even by curtailing expenses when funds are short, which might not work at this stage of the effort since our time is limited and the requirements for petitions are definite.

Accordingly, I told Judge Campbell to get around \$2,000.00 ahead, preferably from such men as Tom R. Jones, J. L. Rush, D. A. Hulsey, W. T. Churchill of Dallas and some others, and then as the financial picture clarifies itself, I thought I'd go to Porter and ask for a list of names from whom contributions can be secured. More money will be necessary because the submission of the petitions must be dramatized through newspaper and radio publicity, and through newsreels. We must be everything but quiet about the matter, or Johnson's actions will be whitewashed and no investigation made. We must get national and continuous radio publicity - Winchell, Davis, et al - and I aim to see some local advertising men this afternoon about it. I think that national publicity is more important than the state.

Also, I aim to see Mr. Hugh Robertson, local attorney, who successfully handled a similar petition for the late Congressman Harry Wurzbach in a similar fraud case about fifteen years ago. On the basis of recommendations by these persons and

Mr. W. P. Luse

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Nov. 17, 1948

others, I will prepare a brochure showing each step to be taken from the viewpoint of arousing national interest. After Mr. Stevenson's approval, I will submit it to all interested.

You can help in this preliminary financing by giving the "green light" to whoever checks with you about it.

Sincerely,

W. D. Bacon

WDB/hw
cc to
Joe Zeppa
S. Dayson

C O P Y

November 17, 1948

Mr. Sylvester Dayson
Premier Oil & Refining
Longview, Texas

My dear Mr. Dayson:

Judge R. Neil Campbell has reported the result of his talk with you yesterday, and has asked me to assure you of the committee's belief that the Johnson's election need not be final.

The petitions being assembled **will** be presented to the U. S. Senate by Coke Stevenson, and we are preparing such a campaign as will make it almost impossible for the Senate to Whitewash Johnson without an investigation. If and investigation is made Johnson cannot be seated.

Mr. Joe Zeppa of Tyler will push the petition work in your area, but the committee is in urgent need of funds to complete the work over the state. Please believe your help is needed and will be fully appreciated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

W. D. Bacon, Treas.

WDB/hw
cc to
J. Zeppa
W. P. Luse

Please address the committee at P. O. Box 1271, San Antonio, Texas

C O P Y

PREMIER OIL REFINING COMPANY
of Texas
Longview, Texas

November 26, 1948

Mr. W. D. Bacon,
c/o Bacon Contracting Co.,
310 - 38th Street,
San Antonio 7, Texas

Dear Mr. Bacon:

This will acknowledge your letters of
November 17th and 22nd, concerning the petitions
to be presented to the U.S. Senate by Coke
Stevenson involving Lyndon Johnson.

Apparently, some misunderstanding has come
about concerning my position in this action.
I have, at all times, been a supporter of Mr. Johnson,
so you can see that it would be difficult for me to
be of any assistance to you and your friends in
the campaign against him.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Sylvester Dayson

S. Dayson
jwr

C O P Y

November 22, 1948

Mr. Sylvester Dayson
Premier Oil Refining Co.
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Dayson:

Just prior to the recent election Mr. W. P. Luse of Dallas, sent you a petition sheet for signatures in your county which has not been returned to the committee in charge of the work.

After serious consideration, the committee has decided to carry this effort to a full conclusion, and the petitions will be submitted to the United States Senate by Mr. Coke Stevenson together with evidence of fraud heretofore assembled.

The committees reasons for further effort are three-fold:

- 1st - to prove to politicians that election to high office by fraud will never be accepted by free men in Texas.
- 2nd - to prove to the public that the political functions of a Democracy are best safeguarded under a two-party system, and
- 3rd - to prevent Texas, a conservative State, from being misrepresented by a radical.

Please secure signatures to the petitions and return to the address shown on the bottom thereof at the earliest possible time.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

W. D. Bacon, *Treas.*

WDB/hw
cc to
Coke Stevenson
Jack Porter
W. P. Luse

C O P Y

November 17, 1948

Mr. Joseph Zeppa
Delta Oil Co.
Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Zeppa:

Records of the committee show petitions are outstanding to the following men in your area, and are urgently needed.

W. C. Trout	Lufkin
Murray C. Sells	Gladewater
R. E. Kennedy	Kilgore
Mrs. Chas. Backeler	Kilgore
Tom Cook	Longview
Sylvester Dayson	Longview
Hugh Garrett	Longview
M. T. Flanagan	Longview
E. A. Ellison	Tyler
O. L. Gragg	Palestine
Raymond Hedge	Tyler
H. M. Henderson	Tyler
Robert Lake	Tyler
C. S. Holley	Tyler
A. M. Housley	Albany
W. Bruner Smith	Longview

The records show we have nothing from Shelby or San Augustine Counties and nothing from Falls, Robertson, Leon, Houston or Trinity Counties, and any suggestions you have regarding them will be appreciated.

Please note - copies of letter to W. P. Luse and Sylvester Dayson.

Sincerely,

W. D. Bacon

WDB/hw
cc to
W. P. Luse
S. Dayson
C. Stevenson

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EVERETT L. LOONEY
EDWARD CLARK
R. DEAN MOORHEAD
DONALD S. THOMAS
MARTIN HARRIS

LAW OFFICES
LOONEY, CLARK & MOORHEAD
BROWN BUILDING
AUSTIN, TEXAS

December 23, 1948

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
4921 - 30th Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

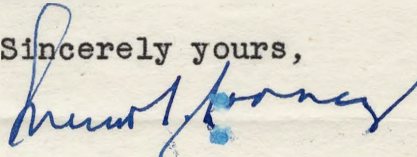
I was talking with former Governor Moody today and asked him the direct question if he was preparing a contest or if he would appear before the Senate to contest your seating. He said he was not interested in anything except the lawsuit; that he had not and was not going to file a contest; that it was his impression that nothing more was to be filed by anyone except that which had already been filed with the Senate Committee requesting their investigation.

I thought you would be interested in receiving the above information.

Santa has arrived and I am duly grateful, more for the sentiment than anything else.

Best Wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,



ELL:H

STATEMENT BY SENATOR TOM CONNALLY
January 3, 1948

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The sponsors of this charge against Lyndon Johnson are asking the Senate to do what the Democratic Party of Texas, the highest courts in the land, and the people of Texas saw no reason to do. It is a deliberate attempt to overrule the will of the people.

After the run-off primary, the Democratic Executive Committee of Texas carefully canvassed the vote returns of every county in the State and certified Lyndon Johnson as the nominee for Senator. The State Democratic Convention approved this certification without question. When the losers took their trumped-up charges into the Federal Courts, they were told by the highest court in the land that they had no case. When they took their case to the people in the November elections with a bitter and costly campaign of character assassination, they were again told by the voters that there was no case against Lyndon Johnson's nomination.

One of the mysteries of the whole affair is why, if they actually think they have a case, the losers by-passed the Texas courts which have jurisdiction over election contests and asked the Federal Courts to take over the selection of a junior Senator from Texas.

Personally, I resent such a flimsy, discredited charge being brought before the Senate. It is an affront to the voters of Texas and the dignity of the Senate. This is no laundry where losers may come to wash their dirty linen. So far as I am concerned, Lyndon Johnson is entitled to his seat, he is Senator, and I hope he remains Senator for many years to come. I believe he will serve the people of Texas and the nation with dignity and courage and vision.

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STATEMENT FOR PRESS AND RADIO
FROM SENATOR FRANCIS MYERS (D.-Pa.)
JANUARY 3, 1948

For Immediate Release

This attack upon Senator Johnson is just a last-gasp effort of his political opponents to revive their political lives back home.

I was a member of the Republican-dominated sub-committee which dispatched a corps of investigators around the country before the November elections to assist GOP candidates by embarrassing and intimidating Democratic nominees for the Senate.

These so-called investigators failed even to find enough for one good front page headline in their examination of Lyndon Johnson's nomination in Texas.

A Federal Judge in Texas also had some hand-picked masters look into the primary voting and after extensive investigations they reported they were unable to reach any conclusions about these charges.

This is obviously nothing more than a half-hearted effort to carry out a threat made in the heat of defeat in an effort to embarrass the new Senator and cut down on his effectiveness. It would be a waste of time to give these charges any further consideration here in the Senate.

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January 3, 1949

Honorable A. J. Wirtz
Brown Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator:

Enclosed herewith is a facsimile of the petitions which were filed today with the Secretary of the Senate. The brown envelope in which the petitions came was simply addressed to: Secretary of the Senate, Washington, D. C. The return address was Box 186, Junction, Texas. The envelope was mailed first class and was mailed December 31, at 8 a.m. with the Junction Post Office stamp on it. In each case the petitions were printed exactly as shown on the enclosed sheet with, of course, various names on the different sheets. There was no forwarding letter and no amplification whatever of the petitions themselves.

I glanced through all of the different sheets and, incidentally, found another type of petitions a copy of which I will send you tomorrow. It also was printed except in one or two instances it is typed, and it differs from the other petitions in that it refers specifically to alleged fraud irregularity in Jim Wells County, and winds up asking the same relief. I will get a copy of that one and send it to you early in the morning.

I would say that one third of the names on all of the petitions are illegible and obviously many, many errors.

I will get a more accurate count for you tomorrow, but I would guess there are between two and three thousand names on these petitions, very few of which meant anything to me. I am, however, sending you a list that I copied down at random that I thought might mean something.

Sincerely,

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Etc.

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January 4, 1949.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thirty minutes before the Senator was sworn in yesterday, an envelope addressed to: "The Secretary of the Senate, Washington, D. C.," was received by the Parliamentarian of the Senate. It came from Box 186, Junction, Texas, was mailed December 31, 1948 at 8:00 AM and was postmarked Junction. It contained a number of pages of petitions, approximately 120 pages, or roughly 1500 to 2000 names.

I am enclosing a photostat of the two different types of petitions which were enclosed. Please preserve these and return them to our files. The other pages are identical with these two, except of course the names are different. In many, many instances there were only one, two or three names on an entire page. I am sending you a page from Houston. You might be able to identify some of the people.

There was no covering letter, no further explanation whatever, except that these various petitions were all bound together, wrapped in a Manila folder, and addressed as I have explained above. The Senator wanted you to have this information.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

John B. Connally.

Hon. Charles I. Francis,
Vinson, Elkins, Weems & Francis,
Esperson Building,
Houston, Texas.

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senate contest

January 3, 1949

Dear Walter:

I appreciate your sending the clipping. While you say "no reply is necessary", I would be ungrateful indeed if I didn't take a moment to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Walter H. Caldwell
Attorney at Law
2100 Forest Park Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas

wj/ahl
Johnson-Seating Petition

JAN 7 1949

Walter H. Caldwell, Att'y.
2100 Forest Park Blvd
Ft. Worth 4, Texas
1/6/49

Dear Lyndon and Walter:

Enclosed is for your information as to
what is being shown in the local press. No reply necessary.
From Ft. Worth Press p. 1 - lower left corner, - Jan. 5th.

Best wishes,

Walter H. Caldwell

2000 Sign Petition On Johnson Seating

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (UP)— A petition asking the Senate not to seat Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, D., Tex., until it has investigated his Texas Democratic primary victory was revealed today by the Senate secretary.

The petition, signed by some 2000 Texans, asked that the Senate investigate the disputed Texas runoff before seating "any Democratic nominee" from the Lone Star State.

In the bitterly-fought contest, Johnson nosed out former Governor Coke R. Stevenson by less than 100 votes. He subsequently defeated Republican Jack Porter by a wide margin in the Nov. 2 general election.

The petition officially will reach the Senate today and probably will be referred to the rules committee. Johnson, however, took the oath of office Monday.

The Senate secretary also had received earlier a petition by former Rep. Frank Hook, D., Mich., asking the Senate to investigate the re-election of Sen. Homer E. Ferguson R., Mich., in the Nov. 2 balloting. Ferguson defeated Hook in a fairly close race.

The Texas petition did not name either Stevenson or Johnson, but asked merely that the Senate refuse to seat a Democratic nominee until it investigates the runoff.

Johnson needed a U. S. Supreme Court ruling to get on the ballot for the general election after Stevenson contested the voting in lower courts and thus held up Johnson's certification as the party nominee.

Stevenson later supported Porter, the Republican, in the general election.

The Michigan petition also probably will be sent to the rules committee today.

Ft. Worth Press Jan. 5, 1949 p. 1

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JAN 7 1949

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2100 Forest Park Blvd
Ft. Worth 4, Texas
1/6/49

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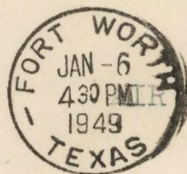
Best wishes,

Walter H. Caldwell

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WALTER H. CALDWELL
Attorney, PHA

2100 Forest Park Blvd.
Ft. Worth 4, Texas.



Hon. Lyndon Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 10, 1949

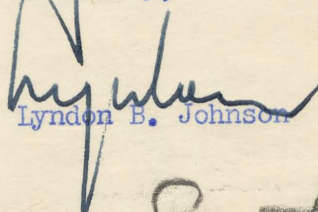
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Mr. Paul Bolton
Radio Station KTBC
Austin, Texas

Dear Paul:

I thought you might be interested in this.
Return it for my files after you have seen it.

Sincerely,


Lyndon B. Johnson

Not every Day Senator!
only when u make
news.

Tell Liz Sutherland Copenter
to send KTBC a bill

Best
Paul

2/16/50
Thornton, Tex.
5th Jan. 1949

Dear Senator & Mrs Johnson,

I was so thoughtful of you
to remember me at Christmas time
with that I keen' til. I wore it
Christmas day, and told everyone
you sent it to me.

I listen to Paul Balcon over
KTBC daily. He always mentions
you - taking the oath, etc. I also
have seen pictures, in the press, of
Senator Vandenberg administering the
oath to you and other Senators.

Please let me join your
thousands of friends in wishing
you continued happiness and
success for all the days to
come.

Yours friends,

Weldon B. Williams

Chord in early wire
Monday / - 17-49

Lyndon,

My impulse is that such a blatant use of quotations by the UP should not go unchallenged. Contrast with the moderate story used on the front page of the Dallas News where you might expect to find such language.

Paul

(STEVENSON PROTEST)

THE WEATHER IS CHILLY IN TEXAS TODAY. BUT FORMER GOVERNOR COKE STEVENSON IS HOT UNDER THE COLLAR.

HE'S AWAITING ACTION ON A SHARPLY-WORDED TELEGRAM TO A SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE CHALLENGING LYNDON JOHNSON'S RIGHT TO A UNITED STATES SENATE SEAT.

STEVENSON WAS DEFEATED BY JOHNSON BY A SLIME 87-VOTE MAJORITY IN THEIR SENATE RACE LAST AUGUST. AND LAST NIGHT HE ANNOUNCED HE'D SENT THE TELEGRAM TO THE CHAIRMAN OF AN ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE-- SENATOR FRANCIS MYERS, A DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTING PENNSYLVANIA.

THE TELEGRAM SAYS--AND THIS IS A QUOTE:

"TEXAS NEWSPAPERS QUOTE YOU TO THE EFFECT THAT NO CONTEST HAS BEEN FILED IN THE SENATE AGAINST THE LEGITIMACY OF LYNDON JOHNSON'S TITLE TO A SEAT IN THE SENATE AND FURTHER THAT ALL YOUR COMMITTEE HAD BEFORE IT WAS A BATCH OF PETITIONS FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED CITIZENS URGING THAT JOHNSON NOT BE SEATED."

REFERRING TO COURT RECORDS, STEVENSON'S WIRE SAID THEY SHOWED FRAUDULENT VOTES IN FAVOR OF JOHNSON SUFFICIENT TO MORE THAN ACCOUNTY FOR HIS MAJORITY.

THE TELEGRAM SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE ALSO HAS TESTIMONY THAT SHOWS WHOLESALE STEALING OF VOTES IN DUVAL, ZAPATA AND JIM WELLS COUNTIES.

THE TELEGRAM SAID--AND ONCE AGAIN THIS IS A DIRECT QUOTATION--"IF ANYTHING ELSE IS NEEDED TO INVOKE YOUR JURISDICTION TO GO INTO THE FRAUDULENT PRACTICES DISPLAYED IN TEXAS LAST SUMMER, PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IT IS."

STEVENSON'S MESSAGE ADDED THESE WORDS:

"YOU MAY BE SURESENATOR, THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE ELECTORATE OF TEXAS PROTEST AND CONTEST THIS OUTRAGE."

January 11, 1949

Dear Senator:

Your suggested reply to Mr. J. V. Daniel came in this morning. I think it is a good one.

We are writing him today as you suggested. I am enclosing a copy of a letter John got this morning from Charlie Francis I thought you might be interested in. Up to now, there have been no new developments.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Senator A. J. Wirtz
Powell, Wirtz & Rauhut
Brown Building
P. O. Box 63
Austin 1, Texas

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GEORGE W. LEONARD, JR.

JAN 10 A.M.

January 8, 1949

AIR MAIL

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Lyndon:

I have considered the forms of petitions enclosed in John's letters of the 3rd and 4th, and also have your letter of the 4th enclosing copy of letter from J. V. Daniel to Senator Connally.

One form of petition simply requests the Attorney General, Edgar Hoover and the United States Senate to investigate the election in Box 13 of Jim Wells County and prosecute any violations that may be divulged. The Senate is not a law enforcement agency, and if the FBI has investigated the election in Precinct 13, it would seem to me that there is no necessity for further investigation by the Senate.

The other petition contains no charges except a general conclusion that in the election "the guarantee to the citizens of this State of a free and unmolested form of government, as set out in Section 4, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the United States, was abridged and nullified." No facts are stated, and such an allegation would not warrant investigation by the most ignorant Justice of the Peace. This petition further requests that no Democratic nominee for United States Senator be seated until after the investigation shall have been completed. That request has already been turned down by the Senate.

I am enclosing suggested reply to the Daniel letter. You refer to other such letters. I wonder if they are framed so that you can determine if they come from citizens who are honestly disturbed about the matter, or from those who have been "propagandized" to keep the

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
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matter alive.

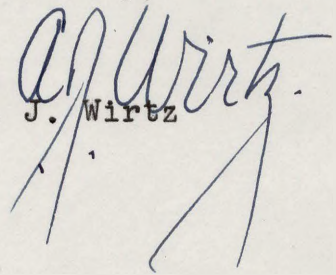
There is no question but what a respectable number of good citizens have had their minds poisoned and honestly think that your title to the office is questionable. Just how you are to change their minds is a serious question. It is my opinion that the best you can do is to be patient and convince them by your actions as Senator that the people of Texas made no mistake in giving you their votes and confidence. It is regrettable that some of the Texas newspapers kept carrying stories in reference to the filing of these petitions. I did not see any report in the Dallas News, but the Austin papers carried the story for three or four days.

I cannot imagine that a committee of the Senate would give serious consideration to petitions such as those furnished me. I assume, however, that you will keep in touch with the committee, and if it considers them at all, I think you should be prepared to show the committee that the Grand Juries, the FBI and the investigators for the Republican members had all conducted investigations; that they either reported that there was no fraud or that the evidence did not clearly establish fraud, and certainly showed no connection between you and any of the alleged acts. I will be glad to work with you on this matter at any time you think I may be helpful.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A. J. Wirtz



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VINSON, ELKINS, WEEMS & FRANCIS
Attorneys at Law
Niels Esperson Building
Houston 2, Texas

January 8, 1949

Mr. John B. Connally
c/o Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4th.

Complying with your request, I return herewith the two photostats which you sent me. I recognize a few of the names on these two petitions but not very many. I discussed the matter with Judge Elkins who made an investigation and was advised that a large number of these petitions had been sent over to Junction by interested parties and that Stevenson simply took them to the post office and addressed them to the Secretary of the Senate. Elkins was further advised that Stevenson intended to take no further action in the matter unless he was called to Washington by the Senate Committee and would then give such information as he had concerning the election, which he said was no more than that already in the hands of the Committee.

I am keeping myself subject to call if you or the Senator should need me in connection with the contest.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles I. Francis

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Dear Lyndon:

Thanks very much for your letter of January 7th.

I think you are to be congratulated upon the two splendid committee assignments which you have received. I do not think there are any more important committees than these two. I know you will render valuable service.

I am certainly enjoying the watch which you sent to me. It is an excellent time piece.

I hope to be in Washington in the not too distant future, and will come on any day that you have actual need of my services there.

Information which I get from Junction is that Coke does not intend in anyway to push his contest. He will come to Washington if he is summoned, but otherwise he intends to let the matter drop.

With best regards and good wishes to you and Lady Bird, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ CHARLES I. FRANCIS

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1949

My dear Friend:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 6th about securing signatures of any of your home town people that were on the petitions filed here. On a casual examination we found no names were listed for Eastland County.

I thought you would want to have this information.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Omar Burkett
Austin, Texas

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Johnson - Senate pet ition

Austin, Texas,
Dec. 6th, 1949.

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

JAN 8 1949

Dear Senator Hohnson;

I'll appreciate your having the petition proposing your ouster checked and see if there are any signatures on same from my home county, Eastland, if so, please send me a photostat of same.

There were a bunch of Texas Regulars, Dixie Crats etc opposing you, so, I want to know if any are still so brazen to do their part in any proposed contest against you, who are classed as Eastland countyians.

Your past services as Congressman meet with general approval and am sure you will do your full part as one of our U S Senators.

Thanks for the information requested and wishing you a Happy and prosperous future, I am,

Very Truly Yours,

Omar Burkett
Omar Burkett.

b/

January 13, 1949

Dear Senator:

Here's a copy of a letter that I've written
to Mr. J. V. Daniel in which you might be
interested.

Respectfully,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Draft

Mr. J. V. Daniel
Floydada, Texas

Dear Mr. Daniel:

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Furthermore, the facts have been investigated by local Grand Juries, by the FBI and by a Republican subcommittee of the Senate. If the investigations of the Grand Juries or the FBI had disclosed evidence of fraud, it is obvious that prosecutions would have resulted. Likewise, if evidence of fraud had been discovered by the Senate investigators, it would have been made public.

I have always welcomed a full and public disclosure of all facts connected with the Election. I realize, however, that there should be an end to slanderous misrepresentations affecting my good name, and that since it has been cleared by the investigations above mentioned, the verdict of State and Federal investigatory bodies should be accepted.

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Yours very truly,
/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon B. Johnson

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

January 15, 1949

Dear Frank:

Here's the letter I borrowed yesterday.
I have made copies and you may keep this one for
your files.

Lyndon

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Personal - Senatorial Election contest

January 17, 1949

My dear Harry:

I am more than grateful for your note
of January 14.

If the need arises, you can be looking
for an SOS.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. H. D. Shuford
Moore Grocery Co.
Tyler, Texas

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Z. D. NORTON

Hon. Lyndon Johnson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

I notice through the Press that the Senate Election Committee is now studying the background of some complaints of the few disgruntled Texans against seating you as Junior Senator from Texas. If there is anything that can be done from this end of the line, just give us a ring.

Yours sincerely,

H. D. Shuford
H. D. Shuford

HDS:GS

SERVING EAST TEXAS OVER HALF A CENTURY

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

January 25, 1949

To: Mr. Lew Deschler

Confirming our conversation of last evening, I would like to know when and if any candidate defeated in either Republican or Democratic Primaries, but who was not a candidate in the General Election, filed a contest which the House of Representatives recognized.

In other words, has the House through its Election Committee entertained any contest by a person not a candidate in the General Election.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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January 29, 1949

My dear Friend:

I read with extreme pleasure your most intelligent letter to Senator Myers. Its contents plainly indicate that you not only have studied carefully the background of our 1948 Senatorial election in Texas, but also that you are extremely capable at understanding and analyzing the law and the facts in connection with it.

I feel sure your discussion will be helpful to Senator Myers and the Committee. It certainly gave me a lift.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Frank M. Fitzpatrick
Fitzpatrick & Dunnam
Attorneys at Law
506-9 Liberty Building
Waco, Texas

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McLellan County

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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

Cong. Poage says this is Frank Fitzpatrick, one of the leading Democrats in M^a Linn Co. He has been quite active in Co. organization. Perhaps he is the outstanding Demo leader in Waco. Is a lawyer in the firm of Munham + Fitzpatrick. "He is just all right. You can count on him." I did not say anything about the contents of the letter.

W.J.

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January 17, 1949.

JAN 21 P.M.

Senator Francis J. Myers,
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Elections,
Senate Office Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

According to the Associated Press, the Senate Subcommittee on Elections has recently reviewed the background of the "alleged" dispute from Texas revolving around Senator Lyndon B. Johnson. As an interested citizen of Texas, speaking for myself and I am sure that I express the sentiment of many others, we would like to see this matter permanently disposed of and buried for all time, in order that Senator Johnson may continue to devote his entire time in rendering a service to the people of this State and the Nation in the future as he has so patriotically done in the past. This thought prompts this letter.

Mr. Stevenson has no right, either equitable or legal, to further pursue his wish to be United States Senator from Texas. The political history of this State will reflect that Mr. Stevenson accepted the vote about which he has raised question in probably four or more elections prior to his race for United States Senator. On neither of those occasions did he question the legality of the vote from either of the counties of which he now complains, but, so far as the record goes, when he received that vote it was honestly and legally cast, but the first time that he failed to receive it he took the position that it was tainted, and that something should be done about it. Mr. Stevenson received that vote, as I understand, over the years when he was a candidate for office, and did not fail to receive it until he made an appointment from that area that the people did not like. Hence they failed to support him in his last race.

The Statutes of Texas provide a full, adequate, complete and comprehensive remedy for election contests, both before the Executive Committee and in the Courts, and if an election is contested before the Executive Committee, a contestant still has the right to review its action in the District Courts of this State. Articles 3130 et seq of Chapter 13 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, together with the amendments thereto, afford ample authority for this statement. In the

event of an election contest under these Statutes the vote in every box in every county in this State under proper pleading may be gone into. The ballot boxes may be opened and the vote recounted. Mr. Stevenson had this right. Had he exercised his legal right to contest the election as provided by law, Mr. Johnson would have had equal right to go into any box or boxes in Texas that voted unfavorably to him and recount and recheck the ballots of the voters from any of those boxes. In other words, both contestant and contestee, once the State Law is invoked, have the same rights and are upon equal footing and the true vote may be ascertained (if there is any question thereto) and legally and honestly counted by the Judiciary of this State. This right was open to Mr. Stevenson and he failed to exercise it.

Instead of following his remedy at law and the only remedy that he had, he went to a Federal Court and obtained a Temporary restraining order or injunction and wanted to decide an election, in which there were over a million votes cast, upon 200 votes cast in as I recall Box 13 in Jim Wells County. Two Hundred votes is an infinitesimal fraction of 1% of the entire vote cast in the election, yet it was the idea apparently of Stevenson to try out and decide the whole primary election on a few votes cast in small boxes in Southwest Texas Counties. Whether this vote was legal or illegal, it would not have been equitable to try out the election on Box 13 alone, as he wanted to do, without permitting the Contestee to go into any or all of the 1000 other voting boxes in Texas. In other words, Stevenson, did not want that done.

His principal complaint is that since the electorate and leaders in the Counties of Southwest Texas thought, as expressed by their ballots, that the interest of Southwest Texas specifically and of the State at large would be best served by having Lyndon Johnson in the United States Senate and because they said so almost unanimously, that for that reason there was something crooked in the election. A casual inspection of the history of elections in Southwest Texas will disclose that insofar as State candidates go, they do not vote for them or against them half-heartedly but have given their favored candidate a substantial majority in every instance.

It is respectfully submitted that the Supreme Court of the United States and the Circuit Court of Appeals rendered a correct as well as wholesome decision when they held that the

Senator Francis J. Myers,

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January 17, 1949.

contestant had a full, adequate and complete remedy at law in the State Courts of Texas to try out his election contest which he failed to exercise, and that he cannot now complain. I pass this thought on to you for whatever it may be worth and I am sure the people of Texas would like to see this controversy fully and finally buried for all time.

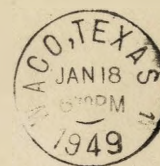
With every good wish, I am

Yours very truly,

F. M. FITZPATRICK

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Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,
Senate Office Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Election Contest

March 2, 1949

AIR MAIL

Dear Sam:

I asked Roy Hofheinz when he was here to get me a copy of the indictments brought in Galveston County concerning alleged fraud in the second primary.

He said he would get this for me but it hasn't come in. I don't want any advertisement that I am seeking this information, but I wish you would check with Roy and see if he has it. If he hasn't taken steps to get all this dope for me, I wish you would see if you can't do so and get it to me by airmail.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Sam Low
Bankers Mortgage Building
Houston 2, Texas
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February 2, 1949

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your news item from
the Supreme Court.

I hope that settles it once and
for all.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Tom Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

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Campaign dispute

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SCOTUS

WASHINGTON-- THE SUPREME COURT TODAY DENIED A REQUEST BY
FORMER TEXAS GOVERNOR COKE STEVENSON THAT IT REVIEW HIS ELECTION DISPUTE
WITH U.S. SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON (D-TEX).

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*Congratulations,
Senator - Perhaps that
means it "finis" -
Tom*

COPY

February 2, 1949

Dear Brother:

That clipping looked mighty good to me too.

I hope this will settle the matter finally.

Don't let the cold weather freeze the ink in your pen. Write me some time soon and let me know what the folks in Brenham are doing and thinking these days.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. T. A. Low Jr.
Postmaster
Brenham, Texas

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United States Post Office

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Brenham Texas
2/1/49

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington D. C.

FEB 2 A.M.
FEB 2

Dear Lyndon:

Inclosed find clipping from yesterday's
Banner Press. It sure looked good
to me. Do not bother to Reply -

Your friend
Brother Lou.

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SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS

AT IT AGAIN

Lyndon-Coke Battle Due For Renewal

James F. Gardner, attorney, will leave for Washington next week with a mass of data for the U. S. Senate's privileges and elections committee in connection with last summer's senatorial primary in Texas, he said Thursday. In that election, Lyndon Johnson was declared the winner by the State Democratic Convention by a majority of 87 votes. Coke R. Stevenson, former governor, was on the losing end.

The deciding factor in this election was largely due to the vote credited to Johnson in Jim Wells and other South Texas counties in supplemental election returns. Stevenson and his supporters, including Gardner, gathered a lot of evidence in support of a suit filed by them in the federal court at Dallas in Stevenson's behalf. Stevenson won the first round in this battle, but the U. S. Supreme Court intervened and nullified this tally.

Stevenson has now taken the fight to the U. S. Senate. In a letter received by Ben Tasto, San Antonio attorney, this week, Chairman Francis J. Meyers of the Senate privileges and election committee, said that the Texas dispute would be referred to a sub-committee but no date was set.

Texas Election Probe Planned

SAN ANTONIO, March 24.—(P)—The Coke Stevenson-Lyndon Johnson election dispute will be looked into, according to a letter from Senator Frank J. Meyers, chairman of the US Senate committee on privilege and elections received Wednesday by Ben Tasto, San Antonio attorney. The charges will be referred to the subcommittee, the letter stated.

Tasto said Meyers' letter was in reply to his suggestion that charges of election irregularities in Duval and some other Texas counties should be looked into by the US Senate. Tasto said he had sent a copy of Meyers' letter to Stevenson.

Johnson was declared the winner by a majority of 87 votes over Coke Stevenson in the Senate runoff election last August.

COPY

March 28, 1949

Dear Ben:

Your letter outlining the result of your little conference together with the clippings that you sent reached us this morning. It's very interesting.

Sincerely,

John B. Connally

Honorable Ben F. Foster
South Texas Bank Building
San Antonio 5, Texas

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BEN F. FOSTER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SOUTH TEXAS BANK BUILDING
SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

March 25, 1949

John Connally
Secretary to Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D C.

Dear John:

Upon my return from Washington, I was laid up with a congestion in my chest for about ten days, and as a consequence I was not able to see Kellis Dibbrell and Jim Gardner as I had hoped I would be. I did see these boys last Friday, and had a pretty satisfactory talk with them.

I told the boys that what I was going to talk to them about was something that I believed was for their benefit. I did let them know that I was interested in the matter on account of my friendship for Lyndon. I have helped these boys and I believe that they consider me their friend, and I am convinced that they listened to me with the idea in mind that I wanted to be helpful to them, as in fact I did.

I explained to the boys that Lyndon was the Senator and was going to continue to be the Senator, and that, politically and otherwise, Coke Stevenson was a "dead duck". I also explained to them that in my opinion there had been more irregularities on the Stevenson side than there had been on the Johnson side, and that likely neither of the principals had had anything to do with the irregularities. I further explained to them that I felt nothing could be gained by continuously harrassing Lyndon, except I did have the feeling that a lot of people would get the impression that they, Gardner and Dibrell, were anti-administration and anti-Johnson, and as a consequence some business they might expect to get, on account of their former connection with the FBI, would not be offered to them.

This seemed to strike home with the boys, and I believe that were it not for the fact that Coke helped Dibbrell get through school, they would forget about the whole transaction. When Dibrell told me about this connection with Coke, I told him that under those circumstances, I didn't want to have anything I had said govern him in any future actions. I told him further that the reason I had felt free to talk to him was because he knew I was his friend, and a friend and supporter of Lyndon's. I told them I felt they were being put "out in front" by other Stevenson

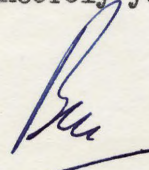
John Connally

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supporters who were unwilling to get out in front themselves. I thought I had done a little bit of good with these fellows until reading the enclosed clipping in this morning's paper. I still don't think I did any harm.

Sincerely yours,



BEN F. FOSTER

BFF:cm

I told these boys that Lyndon did not know I was going to talk to them. They knew I'd been to Washington but I told them Lyndon had not been in.



BEN F. FOSTER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SOUTH TEXAS BANK BUILDING
SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

VIA AIR MAIL



John Connally
c/o Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

COPY

March 9, 1949.

Dear Jimmie:

Thanks for your recent longhand notes containing Charley's present whereabouts as well as the newspaper clippings and the information about the indictments.

Glad you liked the Civil Rights speech. It appears that I am at last going to give it at noon today. I think your suggestion about the number of lynchings in ten year periods is a good one, and I'll have the figures broken down.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable James V. Allred,
Electric Building,
Houston, Texas.

in
senate contest

3/8/49

LAW OFFICES OF
JAMES V. ALLRED
LEVERT J. ABLE
JACK K. AYER
ELECTRIC BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Dear Lyndon:

Am enclosing a clipping
from the Houston Press about tombstone
voting in Galveston.

Worked with Sam and they
are preparing certified copies of
the indictments - am sure they'll
be along shortly.

Yours friend
J V A

Also enclose Creager statement which I think
is good.

I liked your civic rights speech.
If it isn't covered somewhere else, I
suggest you have one of your boys to get
the figures on lynching from the United
Almanac. A breakdown by 10 year periods
shows amazing progress each ten years -
down to almost nothing since 1940.

COPY

March 8, 1949

Dear Cecil:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in
sending me the wire service clipping on Mr.
R. B. Creager's statement.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Cecil Dickson
Office of Coordinator of Information
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

jbc dj
seating

TEXAS

WASHINGTON- - - -TEXAS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN R.B.CREAGER OF BROWNSVILLE HAD DISCOURAGING WORD TODAY FOR THOSE WHO HOPE SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON (D-TEX) MIGHT BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY ANY FUTURE REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED SENATE.

HERE FOR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF TOP G.O.P. LEADERS, CREAGER TOLD A REPORTER HE SAW NO CHANGE FOR DISSIDENT TEXAS DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE DOGGEDLY FOUGHT TO HAVE JOHNSON REPLACED BY FORMER GOV. COKE STEVENSON.

COMMENTING ON REPORTS SOME OF JOHNSON'S OPPONENTS ARE HOLDING OUT HOPES THE CONTEST COULD BE REOPENED IF THE REPUBLICANS SHOULD GET CONTROL OF THE SENATE IN 1951, CREAGER SAID:

"THEY WON'T UNSEAT A MAN AFTER TWO YEARS. IT LOOKS LIKE ITS A CLOSED CHAPTER."

PROTEST WAS FILED WITH THE SENATE AGAINST THE RESULTS OF THE TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION LAST AUGUST IN WHICH JOHNSON WON OVER STEVENSON BY 37 VOTES OUT OF 1,000,000 CAST. DEMOCRATIC LEADERS REFERRED THE COMPLAINT TO A COMMITTEE, WHERE IT WAS PIGEON-HOLED.

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March 28, 1949

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your letter of the 25th. I received your letter outlining your thoughts on the proposed findings and we are still doing a little work on them here.

In the meantime, I thought you would like to see a copy of a couple of clippings which just reached me this morning.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Charles I. Francis
1103 Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

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VINSON, ELKINS, WEEMS & FRANCIS

MAR 28 A.M.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

NIELS ESPERSON BUILDING

HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

March 25, 1949

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

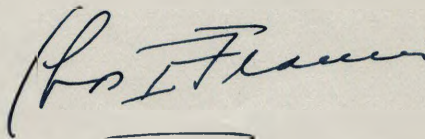
Dear Lyndon:

I surely enjoyed reading your speech concerning amending the Cloture Rule. I gave a copy to Judge Elkins, and made the suggestion to him which you mentioned.

I read about your being in the hospital, and as soon as you are recovered, I wish you would write me about what you thought about my suggested findings for the Senate Sub-Committee concerning the Stevenson charges.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. I. Francis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

CIFrancis

COPY

March 7, 1949

My dear Friend:

I am enclosing a letter from the Secretary of the Senate which you requested sometime back.

As you can imagine, yours was a most unusual request, but the Secretary has answered it as per the attached letter, which I would prefer that you keep pretty much to yourself. After you have had the opportunity to show it to your one doubting friend, I wish you would be good enough to send the letter back to me.

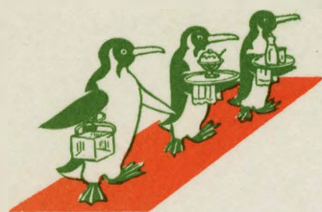
I am sure sorry that it has taken so long to get this information for you, but the Secretary has been out of pocket.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. H. E. Montague
Alexander Inc.
Box 432
Breckenridge, Texas

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Seating—Johnson



PHONE 11

P. O. BOX 432

Breckenridge, Texas 2-9-49

FEB 13 A.M.

O. L. ALEXANDER
PRESIDENT

DAILY CAPACITY
60 TONS OF ICE
400 GALLONS OF
ICE CREAM

Senator Lydon, B. Johnson,
Senate Chamber
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

This no doubt is a very peculiar request, but since I put a man here you would beat "Coke", and if he went into court you would also beat him there, but that you would be the US Senator, but I know I have won, he still refused to pay because his contention is you have not been legally elected.

So would you have Secretary of Senate write me a letter or who ever has the authority, stating definitely you are the legally elected Senator from Texas, and that you have been assigned room no. — and seated date — and you — your friend heard of other law seats in the front row, and if they have a no. would have to have that to,

Thanking you in advance for your usual prompt attention. I am,

Your friend
H. E. Montague

COPY

March 9, 1949

Dear Sam:

Many thanks for your letter of the fourth. I hesitate to put you to more trouble concerning the Galveston situation, but if you could have your secretary check the Galveston and Houston papers of last summer for any clippings on the Grand Jury reports in Galveston, I think it would be most helpful to me.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Hon. Sam D. W. Low
Attorney at Law
Bankers Mortgage Building
Houston 2, Texas

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LBJ seating

SDW

SAM D. W. LOW
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BANKERS MORTGAGE BUILDING
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS
CHARTER 4-1696

March 4, 1949.

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

I talked long distance with one of our friends in Galveston again this morning and I am assured that the certified copies of charges against some 13 individuals for alleged violation of the election laws are under preparation and that they will reach me sometime tomorrow.

It is reported that the cases were all reduced from felony to misdemeanor charges and that some have been disposed of and others are still pending. I have requested complete information as to the action in each case. This information will not, of course, appear on the certified copies which the Clerk is preparing, but will be furnished to you as an attachment. The District Attorney in charge of the Grand Jury advises that there was no written report by the Grand Jury, so that no certified copy of the findings of that body will be available. It is probable that newspapers of last summer will reflect the old statements of the Presiding Judge, Grand Jury Foremen and others. If you deem it desirable, I shall search the files of the Galveston and Houston papers and send you photostatic copies of pertinent articles.

Yours very sincerely,

Sam
SAM D. W. LOW

SDWL:s

MILLARD E. TYDINGS, MD., CHAIRMAN
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J. NELSON TRIBBY, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

March 11, 1949

Honorable Sam D. W. Low
Attorney at Law
Bankers Mortgage Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Sam:

Your certified copies of the indictments in Galveston County came in this morning. I am grateful for the trouble that you have gone to to get them.

After reading them, I am sure you can understand that they are not of material value to me, since I don't know any of the people, don't know who they might have voted for, or for what reasons they might have voted illegally.

I know that it is a tremendous job, but if there is any way that you could get a run down on some of these people from some of the Galveston folks it would be very helpful. It may be, of course, that their motive was purely local in its character. Perhaps Walter Hall at Dickinson could tell you something about their politics in reference to one particular race in which I am primarily interested.

I am returning Mr. Pratt's letter to you. Confidentially, I do not think we should ask him for any additional information on these people, but if Walter or anyone else you might think of in whom you have explicit confidence could give you some additional information, I am sure it would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

P. S. I will send you the \$13.00 right away.

jc/mhl Election—Johnson

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PRESIDENT

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: SENATOR LYNDON B JOHNSON=

: CERTIFIED COPIES GALVESTON INDICTMENTS AIRMAILED TODAY=

: SAM D W LOW=

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SAM D. W. LOW
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BANKERS MORTGAGE BUILDING
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS
CHARTER 4-1696

March 9, 1949.

AIR MAIL

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

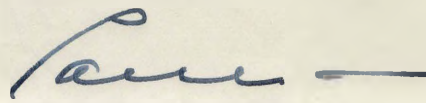
Dear Lyndon:

Transmitted herewith are certified copies of 13 indictments returned in Galveston County in connection with illegal voting. The disposition of each case is shown on the cover of each indictment.

Transmitted also is the original of a letter received this morning from Mr. George L. C. Pratt, Acting Collector of Customs at Galveston, who has been extremely helpful in getting the information that we desired. It will be appreciated if you will return Mr. Pratt's letter to me for my files.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,


SAM D. W. LOW

Encl.

SDWL:s

SAM D. W. LOW
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
BANKERS MORTGAGE BUILDING
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS
TELEPHONE C. 4-1696
CABLE: SLOW

March 9, 1949

Mr. George L. C. Pratt,
5012 Avenue S.
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Your special delivery letter transmitting copies of vote fraud indictments arrived this morning. I deeply appreciate your assistance in getting this material for me. My check for \$13.63 is enclosed, covering the County Clerk's fees and postage. If you were put to other expense in connection with this matter, please let me know because I want to reimburse you in full.

In our telephone conversation yesterday, I mentioned the fact that I had asked Congressman Clark Thompson to investigate the status of Fort Crockett and ascertain whether or not one of the houses or apartments at the post might be made available for Mrs. Low and myself. I shall appreciate it if you will make discrete inquiries about the status of the post and let me know if you learn anything of interest.

It is noted that the Hoover Report suggests the transfer of Coast Guard activities from the Treasury to some other department. Under the circumstances it may be timely for us to press our claims for a boarding vessel, as it seems certain that the Customs Service will remain under the jurisdiction of the Treasury and officials in Washington ought to be reminded of the necessity of having the Customs Collectors furnished with adequate facilities.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

SAM D. W. LOW

Encl.

SDWL:s

bcc: Senator Lyndon B. Johnson ✓
Mr. James V. Allred

COPY

March 28, 1949

Dear Dan:

Enclosed are copies of two clippings which we have just received. I wish you would give me a run down on Mr. Tasto—as to who he is, what his interests are, etc.

If you can make any judicious inquiries, let me know why Messrs. Dibbrell and Gardner are still functioning. It would be extremely helpful.

Sincerely,

John B. Connally

Honorable Dan Quill
Postmaster
San Antonio, Texas

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P. S. Please continue to watch the clippings for us.

J.B.C.

COPY

July 29, 1949.

Dear Jesse:

Your note of July 28th written on the back of an American National Bank blank check, will long be treasured, as is the friendship, loyalty and encouragement you showed me during the days we were experiencing at this time last year.

With warm regards and many thanks for everything, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. J. C. Kellam,
Radio Station KTBC,
Austin, Texas.

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AUSTIN, TEXAS, _____ 19____

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

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DOLLARS

July 18, 49

Mr. Lyndon:

I knew
it all the
time but

Am glad to
see official
action by
the Committee

Heartly
Congratulations

William

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July 29, 1949

My dear Friend:

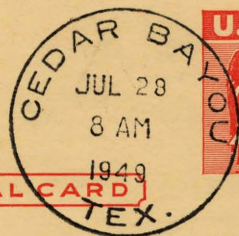
You don't know how much I appreciate your post card which came in this morning. The final chapter has been written at last and I of course am grateful for your thoughtfulness in dropping me a note about it.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Cecil Foster
Cedar Bayou, Texas

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AIR MAIL-POSTAL CARD



Honorable Lyndon Johnson
Washington
D.C.
"Senator"

Cedar Bayou Tex 7-28

JUL 29 A.M.

Dear Synole
I see by the morning's paper you won again
Congratulations "Sailor"

Cecil Foster.

COPY

July 29, 1949.

Dear French:

I am very grateful for your telegram which reached me early yesterday morning. I shall never forget the strength that I received from your encouragement.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable French M. Robertson,
Abilene,
Texas.

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

by W E S T E R N U N I O N

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=HON LYNDON B JOHNSON

=CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN STOP YOU ARE VERY DESERVING AND
YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN WEST TXAS ARE BEHIND YOU=

=FRENCH M ROBERTSON=

JUL 28 A.M.

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July 29, 1949.

Dear Charlie:

I am very grateful for your wire which reached me early yesterday morning. I shall never forget the strength that I received from your encouragement.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. Charles H. Kazen,
Laredo,
Texas.

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SENATOR LYNDON JOHNSON=

WASHDC=

CONGRATULATIONS GLAD IT IS NOW FINAL=

CHARLIE KAZEN=

JUL 28 A.M.

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COPY

July 29, 1949.

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am very grateful for your wire which reached me early yesterday morning when I got to the office. I shall never forget the strength that I received from your encouragement.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Dr. Hector Garcia,
3024 Morgan Avenue,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

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:SENATOR LUNDON B JOHNSON HOUSE OF SENATE=

:WASHDC=

:CONGRATULATIONS REAFFIRMATION OF ELECTION RESULTS KEEP UP
GOOD WORK=

:AMERICAN G I FORUM DR HECTOR GARCIA PRESIDENT=

JUL 28 A.M.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

WASHINGTON, D. C.
JULY 29, 1949

Mr. C. G. Gainer
Bryan, Texas

RETEL. DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR WIRE.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
U.S.S.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
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LYNDON JOHNSON WASHDC=

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C S GAINER=

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JUL 29 A.M.

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COPY

August 2, 1949

My dear Friend:

It is my understanding that you will be hearing from the proper people about the Brown County boxes in the very near future.

I'm sorry it's taken so long, but I assume you know I have no control whatsoever over the disposition of them.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. E. F. Smith, Jr.
County Clerk
Brown County
Brownwood, Texas

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COPY

July 21, 1949

My dear Friend:

Your nice letter of the 15th came in this morning. I want you to know how much I appreciate it. When I have any further information on Brown County boxes I will get in touch with you immediately,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. E. F. Smith, Jr.
County Clerk
Brown County
Brownwood, Texas

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*Put back
- staff's desk
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Office of the County Clerk Brown County

E. F. SMITH, Jr.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

July 18, 1949

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

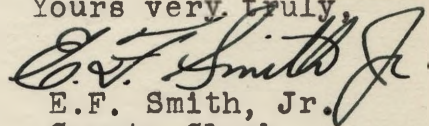
Dear Mr. Johnson;

Thank you so much for your letter of the 14th which gave us the up-to-date status of the election boxes previously impounded by the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the time and effort that you have put forth on our behalf in this matter. Burdened as you undoubtedly are with important legislation, I am sure that our problem seems trivial indeed. However, I would say that your attention to this seemingly small matter is receiving favorable publicity through our local press.

Thank you again for your courteous handling of this matter.

Yours very truly,



E.F. Smith, Jr.
County Clerk
Brown County, Texas

COPY

July 14, 1949

My dear Friend:

With further reference to your letter of June 28th I have had an opportunity to talk to the Committee on Privileges and Elections regarding the Brown County boxes which you want. I got no definite information other than that the Committee felt it would not be too long before they would be able to return the boxes for your use.

I am sorry that I can't give you more definite information but I hope you'll understand.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. E. F. Smith, Jr.
County Clerk
Brownwood, Texas

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COPY

July 1, 1949

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am grateful for your further letter of June 28th about the Brown County ballot boxes.

I will again look into the matter to see what I can do to be helpful and let you know.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. E. F. Smith, Jr.
County Clerk
Brownwood, Texas

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give back to john

Office of the County Clerk Brown County

E. F. SMITH, Jr.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

June 28, 1949

JUN 30 A.M.

Honorable Lyndon Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I wrote you regarding the possible release of the ballot boxes which were impounded in this county as a result of the primary election in 1948.

Your nice reply was to the effect that you would refer my letter to the proper committee for action. The chairman of said committee then wrote that he would advise me in the future as to the action that would be taken.

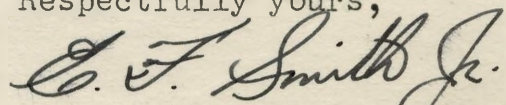
I regret the necessity of again bothering you with this matter but we are desperately in need of these boxes. In the near future this county will hold a local option election and also an election on several constitutional ammendments.

As you no doubt recall, there was no allegation of fraud in connection with the above mentioned primary in relation to this particular county. Rather, the presiding judges of several precincts failed to sign the back of the ballots as required by law. As a result of this, some 1800 votes were declared void in a contest brought by one of the candidates for County Judge.

You would be performing a definite service to the people of this county if you would investigate this matter and possibly secure the release of said ballot boxes.

Thanking you sincerely for any time and effort that you put forth on our behalf in this matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,



E. F. Smith, Jr., County Clerk
Brown County, Texas

United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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Hon. Francis J. Myers,
Rules & Administration Com.,
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
Sir:

I have the honor to submit
the following communication for
your consideration, and to ask
that the request made therein be
complied with if possible.

When the matter is disposed
of, will you kindly have the let-
ter returned to my office, and
oblige.

Yours truly,

Lyndon B. Johnson

COPY

March 3, 1949.

Dear Senator Myers:

I have the honor to submit the following communication for your consideration.

When the matter is disposed of, will you kindly have the letter returned to my office, and oblige.

With high regards, I am

Not sent

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable Francis J. Myers,
Rules and Administration Committee,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Respond 3/24/49

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COPY

March 3, 1949.

My dear Friend:

I am unable to give you the information requested in your letter of February 22nd, but I have made inquiry of the Committee and will let you know as soon as I have a report.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable E. F. Smith, Jr.,
County Clerk, Brown County,
Brownwood, Texas.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

WASHINGTON, D. C.
JULY 27, 1949

Mr. G. L. Burns
Radio Station KNER
Brady, Texas

RETEL. VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WIRE. REGARDS.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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=U S SENATOR=

JUL 27 P.M

CONGRATULATIONS. TODAY'S RULING YOUR FAVOR FIGURED IF THAT WAY=

G L BURNS RADIO STATION KNER=

=KNER=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

COPY

July 31, 1949.

Dear Charley:

Many thanks for your telegram from Dallas.

I shall ever be grateful for your untiring efforts in helping
to make it all possible.

Hope you will be back this way soon.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable Charles I. Francis,
Vinson, Elkins, Weems & Francis,
Esperson Building,
Houston, Texas.

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=SENATOR LYNDON B JOHNSON=

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SENATE OFFICE BLDG=

AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT THE RULES COMMITTEE HAS FINALLY
DECIDED YOUR ELECTION CONTEST. OLD COKE IS STILL FIGHTING
HE SAYS. BEST REGARDS FROM YOUR FRIEND=

CHAS I FRANCIS=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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August 1, 1949

My dear Rhea:

You were mighty generous to devote a five column head to the action of the Rules Committee Wednesday, but you have always been more generous and more helpful than I deserved.

I shall never get over being grateful.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Rhea Howard
Times Publishing Company
Wichita Falls, Texas

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August 1, 1949

My dear Friend;

I appreciate your generous note of the twenty-eighth and assure you that I shall keep your earlier letter available for consideration in the event the situation regarding H. R. 378 and S. 238 changes.

Thanks, too, for your kind expression of congratulations and confidence. I shall do my utmost to justify your continued friendship.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable James A. Baker, Jr.
Esperson Building
Houston 2, Texas

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PASEO DE LA REFORMA NO. 1

July 28, 1949.

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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

AUG 1 A.M.

My dear Senator:

I have just received and read with interest your letter of the 25th in regard to Senate Bill 238 and companion House Bill 378. Thank you so much for writing me so fully. It was good of you to do so.

Congratulations on your election being confirmed. I feel sure that you will ably and well represent both your constituents and the state. Your previous experience and record are assurance of your ability to do so.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Jas. B. Baker Jr.

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August 1, 1949

My dear Friend:

I think your letter of July 28th was about the finest one I have ever received. You were so kind and generous that I cannot find adequate words to express my gratitude. Just let me say thank you for your friendship and your confidence in me. I shall do my best to justify it.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. J. A. Powell
777 South Main
Lockhart, Texas

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Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,
Kind Sir & friend I have
been hearing over The Radio, and
saw in the Paper this a.m.
where you had won another
fight in regard to your Senator
ship, I thought that was done
settled long ago, but I have lots
to learn yet haven't I ha' but
must say congratulations to
you again, am very happy to
learn you won out again,
so for the next 6 years you will
be O.K. won't you, wonder what
Mr Coke thought he would do
this time. I don't believe he
will ever have much chance

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for another Public or Political
Office. For he is neither a Dem-
ocrat or Republican either, and
don't believe any one would
or could have any confidence
in him in any thing, I know
I couldn't, so I hope & pray by
your being in & stay that we
will have better times to live
under in the future. ~~for~~ it takes
good, nice, & intelligent, and
business, men like you to
bring us through these critical
times like we are going through
now, so I again say congratula-
tions, & may god bless you and
your in your good work, in
which I know you will do
your best. over

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give your family my best
regards, & if you are ever down
this way call around to see us
would be glad to meet all of
you. so may god in his infi-
nite love & wisdom be with you
in your work for we all
waited hard.

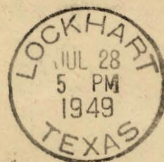
Sincerely yours

Mrs J. A. Powell

777 So main

Lockhart Tex.

777 So near
Lockhart Texas



Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
c/o Senators Office
Washington D. C.

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August 2, 1949.

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your note enclosing the clipping from the Corpus Christi Caller Times about the dismissal of the election contest.

I have been interested to see how the different Texas papers wrote up the story.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Honorable Ed Lloyd,
Attorney at Law,
Alice, Texas.

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Lyndon:

I thought you might be
interested in the article
in the Corpus Christ Caller

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August 2, 1949.

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your letter of the 29th about the Committee's action in dismissing the election contest.

I am so grateful for your continued interest in me and in my welfare, and I appreciate more than I can say the strength that I receive from your encouragement.

We are looking forward to a trip to Texas when Congress adjourns, but present indications are that we won't be able to get there until after the middle of September or first of October.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. Jack Storin,
127 N. Mont Clair Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

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127 N. Mont Clair Avenue
Dallas, Texas
July 29, 1949

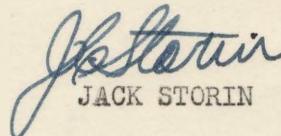
Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

I am happy to learn of the Committee's recommendation to throw out the complaint filed by Pokey Cokey. We really put Coke on ice. Let's keep him there.

Lyndon, I had hopes that you might find time to drop me a line occasionally concerning any point of mutual interest. Although I know you are busy, it would be nice to hear from you occasionally.

Sincerely,


JACK STORIN

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August 3, 1949.

My dear Friend:

I am very grateful for your letter regarding the decision of the Rules Committee on the election contest, and I shall never forget the strength that I received from your encouragement.

Please consider me your personal representative in Washington and feel free to call on me whenever I can be of service. I hope I shall always serve in such a manner as to merit your approval and your continued friendship.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. L. A. McAdams, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Canadian, Texas.

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July 30, 1949

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DARRELL WIGGINS
GOBER LEE MITCHELL

AUG 1 P.M.

Senator Lyndon Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am happy to notice that the Committee on Elections has decided you are our Senator from Texas.

I have always been a supporter of yours, even 6 years ago, and felt then that you were cheated out of the race.

Anyway out here most of us are pleased over the decision and I personally wish to express to you my best wishes and know you will be a worthy Senator for Texas. I am,

Very truly yours,

L. A. McAdams

L.A. McAdams

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August 3, 1949.

Dear Doctor:

I am very grateful for your postcard regarding the decision of the Rules Committee on the election contest, and I shall never forget the strength that I received from your encouragement.

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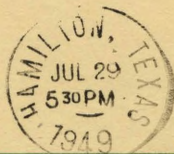
Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Dr. Shelley Roaten,
Hamilton,
Texas.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington
D.C.

Hamilton Tex. 7. 28. 9

Congratulations: Sure it is some
relief to be reassured.

Shelley Rosten M.D.

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August 11, 1949.

My dear Friend:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me as you did on August 7th, and I appreciate your kindness.

I shall never forget the encouragement I have received from your friendship and support. Please call on me at any time that I can be of service to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. W. B. Melton,
Hondo,
Texas.

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W. B. Melton
REAL ESTATE AND LOANS
PHONE 956-F-14
HONDO, TEXAS

Aug. 7, 1949.

U.S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Friend:

AUG 11 AM

Some time ago I noted, with pleasure, that
the "Senate Committee" gave you final approval
in your "Senate" race over former
Governor Coke R. Stevenson. There
never was any doubt in my mind of the
final outcome. You will stay in there
now until "Cross Roost in Yucca" Lee O.
Daniel and Coke Stevenson notwithstanding.
Best of wishes to you and yours.

Your friend,

W. B. Melton

Ranchman, Author & Educator.

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August 12, 1949

Dear Sam:

I'm grateful for the clipping out of the Houston Post, about the Clay County matter.

I assume that all of the other counties involved have received similar instructions since the matter has been finally disposed of.

My best always.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Sam D. W. Low
Collector of Customs
Galveston, Texas

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
GALVESTON, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
DISTRICT NO. 22

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THIS OFFICE TO:
THE COLLECTOR

Customhouse, Houston, Texas
August 9, 1949.

AUG 12 1949

Dear Lyndon:

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SAM LOW

Aug Post 8-7-49
Impounded Ballots in Senate Race Released

HENRIETTA, Aug 6.—(AP)—Clay County officials received word Saturday they could destroy ballots of last summer's second Democratic primary vote Aug 28 for US Senator.

The ballots had been impounded since last Oct 26. Lawrence Nuckolls, county

clerk, said he received a telegram from Francis J. Myers, chairman of the US Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, directing release of the ballots.

Nuckolls said they would be destroyed next week.



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PETITION

1. Under the provisions of Article I, of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, we, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Texas, do humbly petition the members of the United States Senate to investigate and publicly divulge the actions and policies of the candidates for nomination for United States Senator in the Democratic Run-Off Primary Election in Texas held on 28 August, 1948, in which election the guarantee to the citizens of this state of a free and uncolsted form of government, as set out in Section 4, of Article IV, of the Constitution of the United States, was abridged and nullified in this State, and,
2. We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Texas, do further humbly petition under Section 3, of Article XIV, of the Constitution of the United States, that no Democratic nominee for United States Senator be seated until and after the investigation petitioned above shall be complete.

Signature of Citizen	Home Address of Citizen	County
E. B. McFarlin,	St. Anthony Hotel	Bexar
Fred W. Shield,	100 Alameda Circle	Bexar
Tom Slick		
Arthur A. Seeligson, Jr.		
L. A. Douglas,	308 Kennedy,	Bexar
R. W. Patton,	642 Milan Bldg.	Bexar
J. P. Locke	635 Milan Bldg.	Bexar
Winchester Kelso	635 Milan Bldg.	Bexar
Gilbert Dorman, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 400	Bexar

Etc.

Citizens' Committee against Political Fraud
When Filled return promptly to: P. O. Box 1271 - State Headquarters,
San Antonio 6, Texas

PREMIER OIL REFINING COMPANY
of Texas
Longview, Texas

November 26, 1948

Mr. W. D. Bacon,
c/o Bacon Contracting Co.,
310 - 38th Street,
San Antonio 7, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bacon:

This will acknowledge your letters of November 17th and 22nd, concerning the petitions to be presented to the U. S. Senate by Coke Stevenson involving Lyndon Johnson.

Apparently, some misunderstanding has come about concerning my position in this action. I have, at all times, been a supporter of Mr. Johnson, so you can see that it would be difficult for me to be of any assistance to you and your friends in the campaign against him.

Yours very truly,

/s/ SYLVESTER DAYSON

S. Sayson
JWR

November 22, 1948

Mr. Sylvester Dayson
Premier Oil Refining Co.
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Dayson:

Just prior to the recent election Mr. W. P. Luse of Dallas, sent you a petition sheet for signatures in your county which has not been returned to the committee in charge of the work.

After serious consideration, the committee has decided to carry this effort to a full conclusion, and the petitions will be submitted to the United States Senate by Mr. Coke Stevenson together with evidence of fraud heretofore assembled.

The committees reasons for further effort are three-fold:

- 1st - to prove to politicians that election to high office by fraud will never be accepted by free men in Texas.
- 2nd - to prove to the public that the political functions of a Democracy are best safeguarded under a two-party system, and
- 3rd - to prevent Texas, a conservative State, from being misrepresented by a radical.

Please secure signatures to the petitions and return to the address shown on the bottom thereof at the earliest possible time.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

W. D. Bason, Treas.

WDB/hw
cc to
Coke Stevenson
Jack Porter
W. P. Luse

November 17, 1948

Mr. Sylvester Dayson
Premier Oil & Refining
Longview, Texas

My dear Mr. Dayson:

Judge R. Neil Campbell has reported the result of his talk with you yesterday, and has asked me to assure you of the committee's belief that Johnson's election need not be final.

The petitions being assembled will be presented to the U. S. Senate by Coke Stevenson, and we are preparing such a campaign as will make it almost impossible for the Senate to whitewash Johnson without an investigation. If an investigation is made Johnson cannot be seated.

Mr. Joe Zeppa of Tyler will push the petition work in your area, but the committee is in urgent need of funds to complete the work over the state. Please believe your help is needed and will be fully appreciated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

W. D. Bacon, Treas.

WDB/hw
cc to
J. Zeppa
W. P. Luse

Please address the committee at P. O. Box 1271, San Antonio, Texas.

November 17, 1948.

Mr. Joseph Zeppa
Delta Oil Co.,
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Mr. Zeppa:

Records of the committee show petitions are outstanding to the following men in your area, and are urgently needed.

W. C. Trout (dec)	Lufkin
Murray C. Sells (dec)	Gladewater
R. E. Kennedy	Kilgore
Mrs. Chas. Backeler	Kilgore
Tom Cook	Longview
Sylvester Dayson	Longview
Hugh Garrett	Longview
M. T. Flanagan	Longview
E. A. Ellison	Tyler
O. L. Gragg	Palestine
Raymond Hedge	Tyler
H. M. Henderson	Tyler
Robert Lake	Tyler
C. S. Holley	Tyler
A. M. Housley	Albany
W. Bruner Smith	Longview

The records show we have nothing from Shelby or San Augustine Counties and nothing from Falls, Robertson, Leon, Houston or Trinity Counties, and any suggestions you have regarding them will be appreciated.

Please note - copies of letter to W. P. Luse and Sylvester Dayson.

Sincerely,

W. D. Bacon

WDB/hw
cc to
W. P. Luse
S. Dayson
C. Stevenson

Nov. 17, 1948.

Mr. W. P. Luse,
Magnolia Bldg.
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Luse:

As I examine the report of unreturned petition sheets, it occurs this office can more expeditiously handle San Antonio names than your office can so I am having Judge Campbell call them. Also, Mr. Zeppa in Tyler has been in contact with us and will handle Tyler and surrounding counties.

As soon as the petition sheets are processed they are put into a permanent folder from which they will be assembled in alphabetical order by counties, bound by a printer, and an embossed cover added to the book for appearance.

In reference to the financing, I am the world's worst guesser on what such a campaign as ours will cost. Up to the present, I have been paying the bills as they are incurred, and then pushing Judge Campbell to get me off the hook. I keep about even by curtailing expenses when funds are short, which might not work at this state of the effort since our time is limited and the requirements for petitions are definite.

Accordingly, I told Judge Campbell to get around \$2,000.00 ahead, preferably from such men as Tom R. Jones, J. L. Rusn, D. A. Hulsey, W. T. Churchill of Dallas and some others, and then as the financial picture clarifies itself, I thought I'd go to Porter and ask for a list of names from whom contributions can be secured. More money will be necessary because the submission of the petitions must be dramatized through newspaper and radio publicity, and through newsreels. We must be everything but quiet about the matter, or Johnson's actions will be whitewashed and no investigation made. We must get national and continuous radio publicity - Winchell, Davis, et al - and I aim to see some local advertising men this afternoon about it. I think that national publicity is more important than the state.

Also, I aim to see Mr. Hugh Robertson, local attorney, who successfully handled a similar petition for the late Congressman Harry Wurzbach in a similar fraud case about fifteen years ago. On the basis of recommendations by these persons and others, I will prepare a brochure showing each step to be taken from the viewpoint of arousing national interest. After Mr. Stevenson's approval, I will submit it to all interested.

You can help in this preliminary financing by giving the "green light" to whoever checks with you about it.

Sincerely,

W. D. Bacon

WDB/hw
cc to
Joe Zeppa
S. Dayson

STATEMENT FOR PRESS AND RADIO
FROM SENATOR FRANCIS MYERS (D.-Pa.)
JANUARY 3, 1946

For Immediate Release

This attack upon Senator Johnson is just a last-gasp effort of his political opponents to revive their political lives back home.

I was a member of the Republican-dominated sub-committee which dispatched a corps of investigators around the country before the November elections to assist GOP candidates by embarrassing and intimidating Democratic nominees for the Senate.

These so-called investigators failed even to find enough for one good front page headline in their examination of Lyndon Johnson's nomination in Texas.

A Federal Judge in Texas also had some hand-picked masters look into the primary voting and after extensive investigations they reported they were unable to reach any conclusions about these charges.

This is obviously nothing more than a half-hearted effort to carry out a threat made in the heat of defeat in an effort to embarrass the new Senator and cut down on his effectiveness. It would be a waste of time to give these charges any further consideration here in the Senate.

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From Lyndon B. Johnson (D.-Tex.)
For Immediate Release to Press and Radio
Jan. 3, 1949

This seems to be purely a political fight. I regret very much the embarrassment that has been caused the people of Texas by the effort of my defeated opponent to find some aid or comfort here in the Senate.

I have said before and I say again, if any lawful tribunal finds that I received the nomination as the result of any fraud by anybody, I will resign my seat and submit my candidacy to the people of Texas once more.

If the members of the Senate see fit to investigate, I feel sure that a full and fair hearing would show that I won not by 87 votes but by several thousand votes. I would gladly cooperate in anyway and every way with such an investigation.

Everywhere my defeated opponent has taken his case during the past four months he has been turned down. He was turned down by the Democratic Party, and he promptly quit the Party. He was turned down by the Federal Courts, which he chose to enter, and he promptly denounced them. He was turned down again by the voters in the general election, and now he seeks to overrule and discredit their decision. I cannot believe that everybody is wrong except him.

My only desire is to serve the people of Texas to the best of my ability, and I hope this matter can be settled quickly and finally so that Texas may have full representation in the Senate.

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR TOM CONNALLY
January 3, 1948

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The sponsors of this charge against Lyndon Johnson are asking the Senate to do what the Democratic Party of Texas, the highest courts in the land, and the people of Texas saw no reason to do. It is a deliberate attempt to overrule the will of the people.

After the run-off primary, the Democratic Executive Committee of Texas carefully canvassed the vote returns of every county in the State and certified Lyndon Johnson as the nominee for Senator. The State Democratic Convention approved this certification without question. When the losers took their trumped-up charges into the Federal Courts, they were told by the highest court in the land that they had no case. When they took their case to the people in the November elections with a bitter and costly campaign of character assassination, they were again told by the voters that there was no case against Lyndon Johnson's nomination.

One of the mysteries of the whole affair is why, if they actually think they have a case, the losers by-passed the Texas courts which have jurisdiction over election contests and asked the Federal Courts to take over the selection of a junior Senator from Texas.

Personally, I resent such a flimsy, discredited charge being brought before the Senate. It is an affront to the voters of Texas and the dignity of the Senate. This is no laundry where losers may come to wash their dirty linen. So far as I am concerned, Lyndon Johnson is entitled to his seat, he is Senator, and I hope he remains Senator for many years to come. I believe he will serve the people of Texas and the nation with dignity and courage and vision.

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