

May 10, 1968

Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough  
United States Senator  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Yarborough:

It is utterly impossible for me to express the measure of my gratitude to you, for securing my nomination as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. I am fully aware of the prodigious difficulties which you faced and overcame to obtain the nomination; and I can only hope that my future record of service as a United States District Judge will be such as to justify the confidence and trust which you have placed in me.

You have mentioned to me several times, that I have been loyal to you in the various elections and political conventions since 1952. In all candor, I should tell you, that in supporting you and your convictions, I have never felt myself to be in an exposed position. The inspiring influence of your magnificent courage, your preeminent intelligence, and the sheer righteousness of the causes that you have championed have provided so great a shield, that all of your followers could stand erect behind it, easily inured to the pain which the greedy and vicious forces arrayed against you sought to inflict. It is easy to foresee that the future historians of Texas will refer to "The Age of Yarborough", for you were the first genuinely effective leader of the People since the days of James Stephen Hogg.

Again, thank you, Senator. How I wish  
my father were here to share my joy!

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Wayne Justice