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Honorable Tom Connally
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

It has come to my attention that Mr. William A. Whalen will retire as District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Antonio, Texas on August 31, 1951, upon reaching the maximum retirement age.

I hope you will not consider it presumptuous on my part to recommend to you for your favorable consideration Mr. John W. Holland for the position of District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Holland is a native Texan, having been born and reared in Parker County (Weatherford); is the son of the late G. A. Holland, whose record of public service to his State and fellow men throughout his long and useful career is known to all Texans. Mr. G. A. Holland was a close personal friend of mine for many years before his death, and I have watched the growth and development of his sons. They are all clean-cut, conscientious, energetic American citizens in every respect.

Although I am attaching Mr. Holland's detailed employment record with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which covers a period of some twenty years, I am familiar with the fact that he started in the Service as a Patrol Inspector, and has worked his way up to the position of District Enforcement Officer (which would more commonly be called Assistant District Director). The various promotions along the way have been solely on the basis of experience and ability which, to my way of thinking, is about the highest tribute one could pay him.

Mr. Holland has been in charge of the importation of farm laborers from Mexico since that program was instigated and would, therefore, have a better understanding of the labor problems of Texas farmers and ranchmen than one sent from some other section of the country, who would have to familiarize himself with local conditions.

Throughout his years of service, Mr. Holland has demonstrated outstanding ability and leadership, and shown a spirit of honesty and fairness which commands the respect of every man working under his supervision. This is reflected in the fact that Mr. Whalen, who is retiring, as well as practically all of the more than 400 employees under his supervision, are exceedingly anxious to see Mr. Holland promoted to the position of District Director on the basis of his excellent record in the service.

It, therefore, is a pleasure to recommend to you in the highest terms possible the appointment of Mr. John W. Holland to this position.

Most sincerely,