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We believe both of these dangerous trends can be arrested. If the President vetoes the tidelands bill when finally presented, it will react against you. If the President signs the tidelands bill, it will tend to reverse the campaign position and put you well ahead of Daniel. We think you should make a particular effort to present to Truman the following facts:

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Secondly, we think you can point out to Truman the fact that this legislation is perhaps the capstone of your career in the Senate for Texas and vital to your campaign. The difficulties of the campaign may be attributed in part, in large part we think, to your personal and party loyalty to the administration. The President has always been singularly responsive to personal loyalty to him, and we think a personal request along that line is in order.

The appeal to the President to sign the bill should be carefully planned. If it results in signature of the bill, it will afford a dramatic incident justifying an intensive campaign, and we believe will provide the focus point necessary to defeat Daniel.

If the appeal to the President is unsuccessful, nevertheless the fact of your effort will remain and we are not in any worse position than if we do not make the effort.

I am ready personally to assist you in this ~~conference with the President~~ in any way you think advisable. If possible I will accompany you if you desire, or I will ask such other persons to participate as *you* think advisable to the extent of my acquaintance. I am hopeful that the President will sign the bill and that he will let it be known that considerations that led him to sign the bill have been brought to his attention by you. That is my objective; that will go far to win the election

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