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Dear Mr. Carter::

In cleaning out some old files, I ran across this clipping, which, I believe, will bear out your recollections of Senator Connally's intentions.

It was written in June, 1951 and is about as definite as he could have gotten at that time.

with best wishes

Sam Kinch



Sen. Connally Announces He Will Seek Re-election

BY GLENN M. GREEN.

Star-Telegram Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Senator Tom Connally announced Tuesday that he will be a candidate for re-election and branded reports to the contrary "ridiculous."

Angry over published reports he might quit because he is caught in a crossfire on the MacArthur-Acheson foreign policy controversy, Connally declared:

"I speak for myself and not through others. I shall be a candidate for re-election at the proper time and any report to the contrary is ridiculous."

Earlier, Connally was shown a copy of a news story indicating he would not run in 1952 and the senator asserted, "that is one of the damndest things I ever heard of."

The senior Texas senator then issued a formal statement calling the report "pure speculation" and

later followed it with the flat announcement he would seek re-election.

Prior to the recent reports Connally, who is the chief spokesman for the administration on foreign policy in the Senate, has given no indication at all that he would not run next year. Instead, in private conversation, Connally expressed strong indications that he would seek re-election.

Reports that Connally would not run cited his age—he will be 74 next Aug. 19—and the prospect of a tough campaign against younger opponents as his reasons for bowing out of politics after four Senate terms. He served in the House from 1917 until he began his first Senate term on March 4, 1929.

Rumored interested in next summer's Senate race are Governor Shivers and Martin Dies, former Texas congressman.