

October 13, 1954

Honorable Tom Connally,  
3025 Woodland Drive, N. W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of August 24 acknowledging my recent telegram in connection with the gubernatorial race of Allen Shivers and his opponent Ralph Yarbrough.

In reply will state that I would not be presumptuous enough to criticize you for exercising your right to vote your choice or to attempt to deny you that privilege in any way. I merely made reference to the fact that I was sorry to see you, after having retired from the political activities in Texas, so-to-speak, inject yourself into a controversy between Allen Shivers and Ralph Yarbrough.

I consider that Shivers had made an excellent Governor and the majority of his supporters, incidentally, have always been your strongest supporters heretofore. Neither would I criticize you for sending Yarbrough \$100.00 as I know that was not an important factor with you. On the other hand, I could not refrain from reminding you that Yarbrough's platform was not in keeping with the platform of former U. S. Senator Tom Connally of Texas. In other words, I consider that the election of Yarbrough for Governor on the basis of his indefinite "wishy-washy" platform would have been a severe shock to the welfare of our State. Meantime the election is over; Mr. Shivers has been elected to the Governorship and you had the satisfaction of supporting his opponent for which I am not going to quarrel with you.

In my facetious remark of pleading with you to stop carrying the rock in one end of the sack and the meal in the other, it was merely my viewpoint of what has been happening to the high standards of the old time Democratic principles of Texas politics - as well as elsewhere, for the last number of years and I could not refrain from mentioning the fact that if your support of Yarbrough

was not more effective than your support of Adlai Stevenson against Eisenhower that it would not be very important one way or the other.

Meanwhile, as stated above, I am not going to quarrel with you as you have rendered a great service to Texas during your long successful career as United States Senator. Even though I may not agree with you, I still have my usual admiration and respect for you as a great citizen - which formula I could not apply to some of your cohorts who joined you in their support of Mr. Yarbrough.

I am dictating this letter at home and asking my secretary to transcribe and sign my name thereon as I have not been to the office for a number of months.

With the hope that you and Mrs. Connally are enjoying good health and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



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