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My dear Friend:

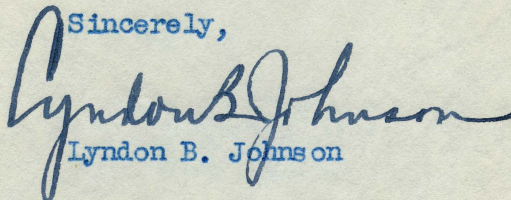
I have just learned that the annual competitive examination for appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, will be held on 20-21 February, 1950.

Although you have previously expressed an interest in being nominated to Annapolis or West Point, I have more than one hundred applications on file and my first possible appointment will be in 1951. Since it will be manifestly impossible for me to nominate all of those interested, I thought I would let you know of the above, without in any way telling you that you cannot be considered later when I have a vacancy to one of the other Service academies.

The United States Coast Guard presents a real opportunity to well-qualified, young men who wish to enter upon an honorable and useful career. If you would be interested in an appointment to that Service, I would suggest that you look over carefully the enclosed material. The number of Coast Guard Academy candidates selected annually is based on the needs of the Service. Appointments are tendered on a competitive basis; therefore, to gain admittance a candidate must not only pass the examination but receive a score high enough to assure appointment.

With every personal good wish, I am,

Sincerely,


Lyndon B. Johnson

Mistake in address;
should be
William James Sutton III

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/o Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas