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Let me take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate and enjoyed your several visits during this Session. Your criticism and support means much to me. I always feel free to discuss in any problem in which we are mutually interested.

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Dear Howard: convey my kindest regards to your fine family.

I deeply appreciate the lengthy letter which you wrote me concerning the college bill for Corpus Christi and I am somewhat embarrassed to notice that it carries a date of April 2, 1969. I hope you will understand and appreciate the tremendous pressure of legislative activity during this Session which has prevented me from answering my correspondence in a diligent manner. Please forgive the long delay.

By the time you receive this letter, you will have learned through the news media that the Corpus Christi college bill failed to pass during this Session. It is rather ironical that Ronald was able to pass the bill in the Senate and I was able to pass the bill in the House, yet time limitations prevented each of us from passing the other's bill in our respective bodies. As a result of this parliamentary tangle, no bill was enacted into law this Session.

As I have told you personally on several occasions, I deeply appreciate all of the hard work that you have done in connection with this project. Perhaps it will all work out for the better. During the interval between this Session and the next Session of the Legislature, perhaps all of the leadership of South Texas in various affected areas can work out some type of united front on this problem. I know that you have strived mightily in that direction for many months, and possibly your efforts will come to fruition prior to the time that the Legislature again considers this problem. I assure you of my cooperation in your endeavors.