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Re: biography of Bob Bullock

Dear Ms. English:

Thank you for your letter of 17 May.

We appreciate your thoughts about the biography of Bob Bullock by Dave McNeely and Jim Henderson. We, too, are committed to a balanced portrait of this important Texas politician, and we have strict procedures in place to insure that our books are worthy of publication here.

In addition to being read by our in-house acquiring editor, the Bullock manuscript was vetted by two outside experts. They both recommended publication of the work but offered suggestions for revising it.

The first reader expressed some concerns about a need for more historical context and a lack of documentation and citation. The authors agreed to address those concerns in their final revised manuscript, and in addition to providing new contextual material at both the beginning and end of the manuscript, they added the suggested scholarly apparatus. That apparatus has been further enhanced in cooperation with our copyediting staff so that readers can reference quoted material and published statements.

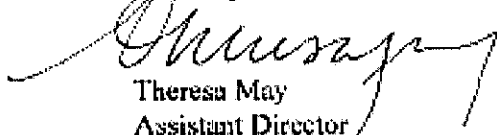
Our second reader called the work "an excellent manuscript . . . a compelling story that is hard to put down . . . an excellent political history of Texas in the second half of the twentieth century . . . a worthy study of the public policy process by which the elected leaders of Texas dealt with the ups and downs of the Texas economy in the late 1900's . . . [and] a unique description of a unique individual who was a major, if not the major, political figure in Texas for the last 50 years." This reader offered a few suggestions for revision, and the authors agreed to incorporate all of them into the final manuscript.

Following the review process, the project was presented to our Faculty Advisory Committee, as is every project published here. Based on the outside evaluations and the authors' plan for revision, the Committee unanimously approved the manuscript for publication. When we received the final manuscript, the acquisitions editor checked it to make sure that the revisions had been carried out as planned.

Our review and acceptance process here is both rigorous and fair, and we intend that the select books we accept for publication each year be further improved by that process. In the case of *Bob Bullock*, the process worked to that end, and we believe that the published book will be a very worthy contribution toward the histories of both Bullock and of Texas.

Again, we thank you for your interest and for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,



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