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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Chairman
American GI Forum of Texas
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your letter of January 27th to Mr. James W. Stroud, our Area Supervisor in Dallas, has been forwarded to me for reply.

We very much appreciate your kind comment in regard to Mr. Stroud and also your pledge of cooperation in carrying out the Census. You will be pleased to know that the plans for this Census, like the plans for the Census of 1940, provide for persons of Mexican origin to be included under the race classification of white. Our Enumerators Reference Manual to be used by all enumerators contains the following instruction in regard to reporting persons of Mexican origin:

"Mexicans. -- Report "white" (W) for Mexicans unless they are definitely of Indian or other nonwhite race."

I should like to emphasize that veterans definitely are being given preference in consideration for Census field positions. For more than 30 years veteran preference has been an integral part of Census legislation and practice.

Sincerely yours,



Philip M. Hauser
Acting Director
Bureau of the Census