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Dear Hector:

In reply to my letter to Dr. Sanchez, you fail to indicate whether or not you are in a position to help me in the event that I do decide to return to Austin. My letter to Dr. Sanchez pretty well lays out what my economic picture is. If you are able to help, I would like to know to what extent and if you are able to do so at the time I make the move.

As for my feeling bitter, it may be that a large part of the reason is the treatment I got at the hands of Judge Yarborough when he kept me waiting an hour and a half, told me to come back later, and when I did return, he had left without leaving word with his secretary. Perhaps I did try to enlist support for Hart, but if that was my sin, then I suppose what I did in the 1952 and 1954 campaigns, plus the fact that in 1954 and 1956 while he was jockeying for position I was very instrumental in trying to see that the Latins stuck with him. Had we not done so, very possibly labor and other groups might have abandoned him--and he knows it. Furthermore, I've seen him far busier during campaigns than the day I was there--and I have seen the time when he would drop everything and run over to see me instead of my seeking him.

I cannot help but reflect that had it been you who called on him, he would not have kept YOU sitting around for an hour and a half. The Judge-Senator knows well that He is now well known among la raza, that I do not have access to Forum files, etc., and that I am not in a position to help him as I was in Austin. Also, I must have hit at the wrong time. He must have thought I was trying to line up a position on his Washington staff.

The worst mistake I ever made was ⁱⁿ having tried to get on his staff a year ago. My relationship with him was fine from 1952 to that time. Thereafter, after I tried to help myself even in such a small way for what I would have got would have been only enough--with the Forum salary--to keep my family, everything has gone haywire.

I realize that you probably do not have all the things you would like to have. A two-bedroom home is not large enough for a family of six. I agree. I would also like to see you have your own building. But you certainly do not want to compare my own position to yours. Frankly, since I have been in Laredo I have had to rely on my mother and sisters to foot part of my family's grocery bill.