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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Dear Dr. Garcia:-

You were just tremendous! Your help and gracious hospitality, so typical of the Mexican-American community in Texas, made what promised to be an onerous task a most pleasant one. Arrangements were hammered out on difficult questions with a friendly give and take that made things much more pleasant than I have seen on other visits to other places.

An example of this was the point that I made- I could not commit the Vice President to shake the hands of more than 500 people. He accepted the suggestion that he mingle with the group - and lo and behold! he did shake every hand- just as I thought he would. My point here being, had I flatly committed him to such a requirement he would have been unhappy with me- and gone ahead and done so. This way he had his option- and exercised it in the manner for which he is famous. I feel, too, the photo session as we executed it has more meaning to the person who had the high honor to be photographed with him.

Without regard to the purpose of my visit, I want to say as an American I fully support the principles of your organization. The GI Forum is fortunate to have such a dedicated and driving leader such as yourself. I hope we may meet again in the near future under calmer circumstances and visit together.

Sincerely,



Bob Spence