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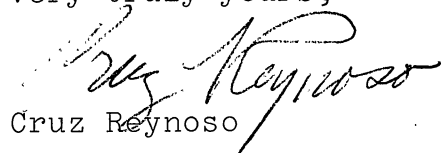
Dear Dr. Garcia:

Just a note to let you know that I enjoyed working with you at the San Antonio hearings. I believe that you were able to add a great deal to the hearings by your vast background in dealing with the problems of Mexican-Americans in the southwest and by your questioning of the witnesses.

You can imagine how delighted I was when I learned of the good fortune respecting the Elsa-Edcouch students. It appears that Judge Garza called the game as he saw it--clearly, the game was unconstitutional in terms of the students who were punished and suspended. Incidentally, while we were in south Texas I attended several of the "hearings" for the students being held by the school officials. The hearings appeared to be no more than an attempt to have the students, as Judge Garza correctly stated, "cow-tow" to the administration. I am hopeful that the success of the students there will give new courage to students elsewhere.

Best wishes for your continued success with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Very truly yours,


Cruz Reynoso

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