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Hector P. Garcia, M. D.
National Chairman
American GI Forum of the United States
1315 Bright Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

On behalf of the Navy and Marine Corps public affairs officers in the Washington area, it was a distinct pleasure having you as our guest speaker Thursday evening, September 11, 1969.

Your stimulating speech and comprehensive responses during the question and answer period contributed to an evening well spent.

As a member of the Civil Rights Commission, you exemplified the highest ideals of one seeking to ensure an equal opportunity for all Americans. You proved to us the value of a free interchange of ideas. As an American, you are a credit to our country.

Thanks for sharing a few moments with us. We shall keep the book, "Among the Valiant," by Raul Morin as a permanent reminder that one Dr. H. P. Garcia provided to the officers of information, meaningful insight into the complexities of human relations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. R. Geis".

L. R. GEIS

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
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