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Honorable Arthur S. Flemming Chairman U.S. Commission on Civil Rights 1121 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20425

Dear Chairman Flemming:

In 1968, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held six days of hearings in San Antonio to examine the civil rights problems facing Mexican Americans in the Southwest. Much of the focus of the hearing dealt with the state of Texas.

On January 16, 1980, the Texas Advisory Committee will release a major study undertaken to determine what change, if any, has occurred during the ten year period 1968-1978. The report will deal with the areas of education, employment, the administration of justice and political participation. This report is the result of more than a year's research undertaken with the intent of determining the level of participation of blacks, Mexican Americans, and women in the governing of Texas.

The report will be released at a major civil rights symposium here in San Antonio being sponsored by the Texas Advisory Committee on January 16, 1980. Because of the importance of this conference and because the National Commission has been so involved in Texas throughout the years, we are requesting your participation, that of the other Commissioners, and the Staff Director, Mr. Nunez, at our conference.

On the evening of January 16th, the Texas Advisory Committee will hold a reception to honor all those people who have served on the Texas Advisory Committee since its inception. A review of these names reveals prominent federal officials, a member of Congress, and at least two federal judges. We would, of course, hope that you and the other Commissioners would honor us with your presence at this reception.

On the day we release our study, we will hold a day long symposium on the implications of the report and strategies for the new decade of the '80s.

Mr. Chairman, we are most anxious that you join us in this important effort. In particular, we hope you will be one of the main speakers at our conference.

Sincerely,

Host Reverend Patrick F. Flores, DI

Most Reverend Patrick F. Flores, DD Chairman, Texas Advisory Committee