



September 1, 1982

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder and
Chairman of the Board
National Archives and Historical
Foundation of the American G I Forum
1315 Bright Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I regret that I was not on campus last Friday when you brought in the boxes of publications that you refer to in your letters of August 27th and August 30th.

The materials in those boxes have been arranged and organized in a way that I could examine them with care this morning. I note that much of what is there are official government publications: Congressional hearings, Civil Rights Commission hearings, and various UNESCO publications. Since our Library already has many similar official government publications, we expect to be able to strengthen our collections with what you are making available to us.

Among the remaining publications are materials dealing with the Mexican-American population and with conventions of the American G I Forum. These publications have special interest for us. I am certain that President Sugg has told you, and I wish to subscribe to his thought, that CCSU is interested in the official papers and archives of the American G I Forum. As you consider what you wish to have happen to the papers by way of their final disposition, I hope you will consider the Special Collections and Archives Division of the University Library at CCSU as a home for them. We have an excellent physical facility for the housing of such papers and are developing a staff to work with papers, so that faculty, students, and visiting scholars can profit from studying them. The University environment is, I believe, an excellent environment for the preservation and use of historical archives.

Thank you for your interest in the University Library and for bringing these publications to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Richard L. O'Keeffe'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard L. O'Keeffe
University Librarian

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cc: Dr. B. Alan Sugg
President, Corpus Christi State University