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Dr. Hector P. Garcia American G.I. Forum of the U.S. 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Mr. Hope is out of town at this time and he asked me to thank you for the invitation to join you at the banquet in San Antonio on December 7th.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hope is doing a benefit on that date and it is impossible for him to join you. Mr. Hope is honored that you would select him to recieve the American Forum Founder's Award, and is greatly touched by your kind thoughts.

Once again, thank you for the invitation. If it was possible Mr. Hope would certainly be there to join you.

Sincerely,

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Secretary