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(512) 474-6543
May 6, 1985

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
GI Forum
1315 Bright
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

As an Hispanic leader, you are undoubtedly aware of the need to promote our unique Hispanic culture. Hence, after a conversation with Representative Ernestine Glossbrenner, she suggested I seek your and GI Forum's help in my pursuit to promote our culture in this country and abroad. My name is Gonzalo Venecia, and I currently work at KLBJ-AM as its Traffic Coordinator/ PSA Director; I produce the daily program "Austin Today." I am presently awaiting final acceptance to join the cast of Up With People in July. If accepted, I would need to raise money for my student fees.

Up With People is an international, educational and cultural program. It contains a widely acclaimed musical show, a community involvement program and many innovative cross-cultural learning activities. It is comprised of five international casts of approximately 125 college aged students each.

Your and GI Forum's help in my efforts to join Up With People would provide an excellent opportunity for me to enhance my career, help my fellow man, gain international experience and act as a goodwill ambassador. It would allow me to receive hands-on experience in marketing, international business, communications, personnel and production. I would be able to give of myself to those less fortunate who may need a helping hand or just a friend and a smile. Likewise, traveling around the world with an international cast would offer me the perfect chance to better understand the world, its people, myself and how we all interact with one another. Most importantly, I would be representing the U.S., Texas and especially Hispanics by promoting our unique culture.

Dr. Garcia, as I write this letter, the possibility of me joining such an organization amazes me beyond belief, and I thank God for his generosity and blessing. The reason is that, like many Hispanics in your organization, I grew up working in the fields migrating to Illinois and Washington. Through my parents' efforts and many sacrifices, I have received a very good education which includes a Bachelors Degree with High Honors from The University of Texas at Austin. Although my family and I stopped migrating in 1981 due to my father's serious illness, my family's financial situation is still somewhat bleak especially with both a brother and sister in college. I am fortunate to have gone through school solely on scholarships, grants and loans. My brothers and sister have not been so lucky, therefore my parents have had to sacrifice much to make ends meet.

Dr. Garcia, as you no doubt are well aware of, the Hispanic culture has always emphasized the attitude that one helps another when one can. I would not be able to help my family financially in the short run by joining Up With People, but I feel it is something I want and must do. My family supports me and my decision. They also agree to help raise part of my tuition fee because we all see it as not only a growing, learning experience, but a chance to give of myself, what talents I may have, to those less fortunate. I am not rich in wealth, but I am rich in life, and it is that life I want to share with others.

I have been initially accepted to join Up With People, and after filling out all my forms and requirements, I am eagerly awaiting my final acceptance letter. If all goes well, my only obstacle, and a large one at that, is my $5,800 student fees for the year which covers student programs, food, housing and transportation while with the cast.

I hope that you and GI Forum will be interested in supporting me in my venture through either a gift, sponsorship, investment or ideas on how to raise the funds. I am enclosing an Up With People brochure and my resume for you to review at your leisure. As stated in my resume, I have received the Outstanding Student Award in Radio-TV-Film from the College of Communication. The OSA Committee reviews the evaluation of a student's performance beyond the minimum; this performance is what I would give to Up With People directly and to you and GI Forum indirectly as an extension of your generosity. I will call you early next week to see if you and GI Forum are interested in helping me, answer any questions you may have and possibly set up an appointment to discuss matters further.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration and look forward to speaking with you. Until then, have a nice week and I am

Sincerely yours,

Gonzalo Venecia

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Enclosures:
Brochure
Resume

UP WITH PEOPLE 3103 NORTH CAMPBELL AVENUE TUCSON, ARIZONA 85719 (602) 327-7351

May 8, 1985

Mr. Gonzalo Venecia
407 W. 7th Street #201
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Gonzalo:

We have received all of your forms required so far and your final acceptance has been approved for a position in the July, 1985 Up With People cast.

Enclosed is a payment contract stating your financial obligations. Please read it carefully and sign one copy (or have your parents, guardian, or sponsor sign or cosign according to instructions) and return it to us along with your first payment of $500.00 as soon as possible so that we may continue to reserve your place in the cast. The other copy is for your records. Please keep in mind this contract is a commitment to pay all costs listed. As soon as this contract is signed and returned to us, you may consider yourself finally accepted for the coming year.

As explained in your Student Manual, payment of student fees can be made in three parts. The first payment is due upon receipt of this contract and serves to reserve your position in the cast. The second payment is due by June 15, 1985 and the third payment is due by November 30, 1985. However, for accounting and administrative reasons, we would prefer you pay the full fee at the beginning of your year. For those who pay the full fee by June 15, 1985, there will be a ten percent discount on the amount paid by the student for the second semester. This could reduce the total payment by as much as $180. If payments are not made by the due dates, we may be forced to cancel your position.

Those who have been accepted into Up With People must plan on participating for both semesters, approximately eleven months. In view of this, it is required that participants raise their entire general fee before their final date of

entrance into the program. Although the second semester's fee is nct due until November 30, funding must be secured for that semester in advance. Up With People does not permit or condone the soliciting of financial aid by members of the program in cities and communities they visit as they travel.

You will be one of approximately 450 new cast members who have been selected to participate in the July, 1985 program. Tentatively, the cast is due to begin its year in early July.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Retta C. Bellamy

Retta C. Bellamy
Director
Admissions Department

407 West 7th St. #201
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 474-6543
May 13, 1985

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
GI Forum
1315 Bright
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I enjoyed our brief conversation this morning. Enclosed is a copy of the letter, resume and brochure I sent you earlier. I am also enclosing a copy of my final acceptance letter from Up With People.

Gracias for your time and consideration. I truly appreciate it. I also am looking forward to speaking with you and am

Sincerely yours,

Gonzalo Venecia

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Permanent Address
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Grulla, Texas 78548
(512) 487-5460

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To increase my public relations and business skills in order to gain an executive position in a media-related business.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree in RTF, Magna Cum Laude, University of Texas at Austin, May 1983. Major in Radio-Television-Film with emphasis in Script-writing and Research. Overall GPA 3.77/4.0. Major GPA 4.0/4.0.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Currently producing daily public service program "Austin Today" at KLBJ-AM.
Produced, researched, wrote and broadcasted 20-½ hour music mini-specials at KBFM.
Introduced, compiled and coordinated National Computer Software Charts in Billboard Magazine.
Researched and wrote radio script for 3-hour Stevie Wonder Tribute.
Preparatory research for computerizing KHFI-FM's (K-98) music system.
Researched and wrote scripts of news and music events for KHFI-FM (K-98) Class Salutes of 1973-78.
Acted as KHFI-FM's (K-98) Sports Producer of High School Football.
Comparative research on the music industry in Mexico and the U.S.
Proposed and conducted survey research project on the TV viewing patterns and preferences of general public in Austin, Texas.
Survey research proposal on song lyrics.
Continual research compilation of Billboard Top 40 charts since 1973.
Historical research on the development of the music industry in U.S.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Student Award in Radio-TV-Film at UT '82-'83
Jesse H. Jones Scholarship '82-'83/$2,000
College Scholar of 1983, 1982 & 1981
Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
G.B. Dealey Scholarship '81-'82/$2,000
Dean's List every semester in college
Texas Achievement Award '79-'83/$5,000

WORK EXPERIENCE

July '84-Present	KLBJ-AM Radio Station, Austin, Texas Traffic Coordinator/PSA Director
January-April '84	KBFM/104 Radio Station, Edinburg, Texas Disc Jockey
July-November '83	Billboard Magazine, New York, New York Computer Software Chart Coordinator (Freelancer)
Fall '82	KHFI-FM (K-98) Radio Station, Austin, Texas Music Research Intern

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Communication Council: Co-Chairman of Centennial Committee '82-'83; S.U.R.E. (Students United for Rape Elimination) Escort Volunteer '83; RTF Broadcast Club '82-'83; U.T. Dance Team '81; Theater.

REFERENCES

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KLBJ-AM Radio Station
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Third Coast Magazine
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Ed Volkman
Morning Show Host
KITS-FM/105 Radio Station
1355 Market Street/Suite 152
San Francisco, California 94103
(415) 626-1053

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Age 24, Single
Excellent Health
U.S. Citizen
Fluent in Spanish
Dancer/Jogger
Have relocated in different areas of the country to get a feel for the region and am extremely adaptable