



American GI Forum

of Washington, D.C.

A VETERANS FAMILY ORGANIZATION

October 7, 1976

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

Dear Dr. Garcia:

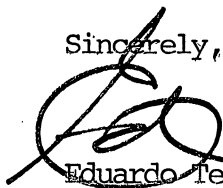
In compliance with your recommendation, the Veterans Committee of the American G I Forum of Washington, D. C. has directed me to inform you that it has postponed the project of replacing the headstone on the Felix Longoria gravesite with one showing on the back side the G I Forum emblem and a dedication to his heroism.

The Committee made this decision despite the fact that written permission had been obtained from Private Longoria's next of kin to replace the headstone and offers of full cooperation had come from both the Veterans Administration and Arlington Cemetery.

While adhering to your recommendation, the Committee is now requesting your advice and counsel on how otherwise to proceed on this or a similar project. For as you know, the Forum has been considering this project for several years now.

Your early response would be deeply appreciated.

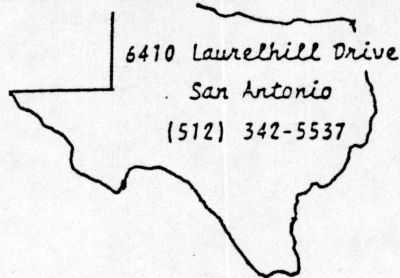
Sincerely,


Eduardo Ferrones, Chairman

cc: Rudy Talamantez, Chairman, Veterans Committee
Antonio Morales, National Chairman

Education is Our Freedom and Freedom Should Be Everybody's Business

TEXAS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



TO: Texas Leadership Conferees (TLC)

FROM: Joe J. Bernal *QJB*

RE: Meeting with the Texas Mexican American Legislative Caucus,
Friday October 8, 1976

The Texas Mexican American Legislative Caucus is having a three day meeting beginning Thursday night, Oct. 7, and ending Saturday noon, October 9, 1976, and the Texas Leadership Conference is co-sponsoring it.

As it regards TLC involvement, you are cordially invited to participate with the Caucus during the Friday afternoon and evening sessions. Our members will meet separately on Friday morning beginning at 9 A.M. in Parlor, 819 of El Tropicano Motor Hotel. We will adjourn our business session at noon and join the Caucus to hear the noon luncheon speaker, Dr. Jose A. Cardenas. Following the luncheon we will interact with the afternoon Caucus speakers on legislative issues pertaining to Education and Human Resources. That evening we will also join the Caucus for dinner. The issues to be discussed are most pertinent to the Mexican American community and our interacting with Legislators thusly gives us an opportunity -- to know our Lawmakers, to become better informed, and to express our concerns on those critical issues to be discussed.

For those of you coming from out of town the TLC will provide you \$50 to cover your expenses, at your request. We know this does not cover all expenses but it will help in a limited way to facilitate your attendance. Your noon luncheon and the dinner on Friday will be provided at no cost to you. For San Antonio TLC conferees, only the cost of the luncheon and the dinner will be covered.

Enclosed is a copy of the agenda. Let me emphasize that TLC conferees participation is confined to Friday's activities. Please return the enclosed post card as soon as possible. If you prefer to call please phone Mr. Jimmy Jimenez at 732-9751 or 225-5181.

TEXAS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



TO: Texas Leadership Conferees

FROM: Joe J. Bernal

RE: TLC organization

The information below defines our purpose and process, as prescribed in our proposal and as agreed to by previous TLC meetings.

- * The Texas Leadership Conference offers an opportunity to bring Texas Chicano/Mexican American leaders together to "confer" or to "dialogue" about matters pertaining to Chicano communities.
- * It will have no membership in the sense that conferees will not be bound by decisions made by the Texas Leadership Conference. In other words, we don't need another competing organization.
- * The Texas Leadership Conference should remain sufficiently unstructured that if at any time a conferee wants to remove himself/herself they can do so.
- * The Texas Leadership Conference hopes to offer an "ambiente" wherein Chicanos of diverse religious, political, professional, and social thinking may come together to draw on the common thread that binds us -- and at the same time respecting our differences.
- * That the Texas Leadership Conference can help us crystalize and prioritize on the most important issues affecting Mexican Americans. Conferees can then proceed to inform organizations they represent and if action is called for, it should emanate from conferee's desire to initiate it rather than because it is a Conference issue.
- * The Texas Leadership Conference will be restricted to Conferees only.
- * Conferees will be invited only if they represent a statewide organization of either Chicano/Mexican Americans or if they represent an institution which affects the lives of Texas Chicanos -- two per organization.



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September 29, 1976

Senator Joe Bernal
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Dear Joe:

As per your request, I am hereby submitting the following information with reference to the Seminar to be held in San Antonio on October 7-9, 1976. The following agenda is 90% firm and the only tentative portion is in the third symposium on Human Resources.

The Seminar will commence at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on October 8, with a short welcome by me as Chairman of the Mexican-American Caucus. It will be followed with four symposiums which are as follows:

1st Symposium - Legislative Procedures

- 9:15 A.M. House Functions
Mr. Jim Reynolds - Legislative Division
- 9:30 A.M. Parliamentary Procedures
Mr. Bob Johnson, Director, Legislative Council
- 10:00 A.M. Budget Preparations
Mr. Tom Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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11:00 A.M. Function of the House Administrator
Personnel and Payroll
Mr. Tom Treadway, Financial Division
Director

12:00 (noon) Break for Lunch
Speaker - Dr. Jose Cardenas, Director, IDRA
Quality Education in Texas

2nd Symposium - General Education

1:30 P.M. Property Tax Equity
Mr. Craig Foster
(Question and Answer period)

2:00 P.M. School Equalization Aid
Mr. Bob Brischetto
(Question and Answer period)

2:30 P.M. State Share for School Construction
Messrs. Albert Cortez and Neff Garcia
(Question and Answer period)

3:00 P.M. Coffee Break

3rd Symposium - Human Resources

3:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

We have tentatively made arrangements for this
symposium to be conducted by Senators Tati Santiesteban,
Raul Longoria and Carlos Truan.

The 4th symposium which will be held Saturday,
October 9, will be a wrap-up on matters discussed an
an open discussion on other issues of concern. I

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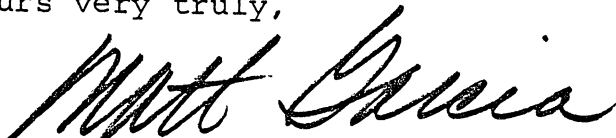
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have been contacted by several people who wish to appear before the Caucus to discuss problem areas and I have agreed to set aside some time for these discussions.

There will be a Friday luncheon and a Friday dinner. Dr. Jose Cardenas has agreed to serve as our luncheon speaker and we are holding the matter of a dinner speaker open for a person of national prominence depending upon his availability.

I trust that the above is the desired information. If it need be supplemented, Mr. Jimenez can provide the information verbally.

Yours very truly,


Representative Matt Garcia

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