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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am Antonio Sisneros, a former member of the American GI
Forum. I became involved with the Forum as an employee of
SER in Colorado. I realized the significance of the Forum
and what it had to offer as a community based organization.

At the present time I am working towards the Ph.D. in Pol-
itical Science, concentrating in Public Administration, Public
Policy and Public Law, at Washington State University. The
nearest Forum chapter is about four-hundred miles from where
I am now located; I am in the process of maintaining my mem-
bership with my former chapter in El Valle de San Luis, in
Southern Colorado.

I am writing to you for assistance. I have decided to do a
dissertation on CETA, SER and the Chicano. The American GI
Forum, by virtue of it being a sponsor of SER, will also be
dealt with in the dissertation. My problem, however, is that
I am in need of reference material for purposes of discussing
the Forum. I will be discussing the GI Forum in terms of or-
ganizational theory. The discussion will include the history
and progress of the GI Forum. One idea I have now is to search
through all of the newsletters the Forum has published; this
approach was undertaken by me in conducting my thesis for the
M.A. However, I am not sure how to begin this approach, as the
topic of the thesis was of a different nature.
Thus, I am asking you, the Founder, for ideas and input. Don't
you feel it is time that Chicano students begin to document
our history (which includes the history of the organization GI
Forum?) Can you please direct me to any and all possible bib-
liographical references on the topic of the American GI Forum?

I am currently scheduling myself to complete a preliminary
draft on the Forum by May, 1977. Once it is completed, I would
appreciate your permission to submit it to you for your input
and advice.

Thus, I await your response. Thank You very much.

Siempre,

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