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Dear Doctor Garcia,

The enclosed copies of the booklet "Hispanic Americans in the Navy" are forwarded for your review and retention. The booklet was distributed to Navy commands and Navy Recruiting Districts located in areas with a large Hispanic population density. This distribution was accomplished during the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Week. Additional distribution of this booklet has been undertaken and will reach colleges, universities and high schools with predominant or significant Hispanic enrollment.

It is our hope that the information in this booklet will provide the reader with a better understanding of the extent to which the Hispanic American has participated in and continues to participate in the U. S. Navy.

This is one of several initiatives, which we believe will succeed in attracting more Hispanics to look at the Naval service as a possible career option and thereby increase Hispanic representation in the Navy.

Sincerely,

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