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THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ON
BALANCED NATIONAL GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2001 S STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
(202) 673-7920

December 5, 1977

Dr. Hector Garcia
1315 Bright Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am pleased to forward initial information about the White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development to which President Carter has invited you.

The Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. from Sunday, January 29 through Thursday, February 2, 1978, and will provide an unusual opportunity for citizens from all states, representing a wide variety of economic and social interests, to address some of the most critical policy challenges facing the Nation.

Conference Participants will meet in general sessions on the Conference Themes to hear and to question leading figures from business, labor, state and local government, and other important interests.

In addition to the general sessions, the Conference is structured in a workshop format to insure that participants will have ample opportunity to contribute their views and expertise. There will be four workshops within each of the six Theme areas, and each Participant will remain with a particular workshop throughout the Conference. The four workshops within each Theme will deal with the same agenda and the workshops will be charged with producing reports for the final Plenary session on February 2.

Please select one of the six Themes to which you wish to be assigned (with alternate choices). We will try to honor your preference while maintaining diversity within each workshop.

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In addition, it is critical that you fill out and return your registration form so we can guarantee your hotel room.

Please read the enclosed Information Guide and the other materials carefully.

We regret that limitation of funds will not allow the Conference to assume travel costs incurred by Participants in coming to Washington. However, as indicated in the attached materials we are pleased to be able to assume the costs of a single room at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. We will also provide meals to Participants with the exception of one evening for which no activities are planned.

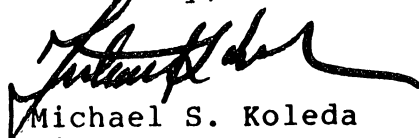
The three forms: the Conference and Hotel Reservation Form; the Theme Preferences; and the Checklist of Background Materials; should be returned to our Conference Reservations Headquarters, in the self-addressed envelope, no later than December 19, 1977.

Mr. Jim Childress of my office is available to answer any questions you may have on the Conference Themes, the workshop format, or research materials. He may be reached directly by telephone at (202) 673-7925.

Should you have any questions concerning transportation or the arrangements at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, please contact our Conference Reservation Headquarter's at (202) 296-3074.

We have a small staff, but we are organized to assist you to make your participation in the Conference productive and enjoyable, and we look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Koleda
Director

Enclosures