



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

Dr. Hector Garcia, Founder  
G. I. Forum  
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Dear Hector:

The Vice President has asked me to thank you for taking the time to share with him your concerns over the federal programs and their delivery to the Hispanic community throughout the country. He believes it was an extremely worthwhile and important meeting, and as he indicated, the lines of communication will continue to be bridged.

Pursuant to the discussions, appointments, and activities we scheduled, if there are any flaws in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nelson".

Nelson A. Diaz  
Special Assistant to  
the Vice President

February 26, 1978

Dear Dr. Garcia:

So pleased you and my son were able to meet during the recent White House Conference. He and I are very proud of all you have done and are continuing to do. I find reading Among The Valiant a rewarding experience. For many years I was active in the Reserve Officers Association Ladies (ROAL). I so wished that I had known of the G.I.Forum then. What a marvelous movement to launch and breathe life into. So proud of you.

I do so hope that when I visit San Antonio again to be with my son there and his family that it will be possible for me to find the way to Corpus to visit you and your lovely family (my son Jack had so much to tell when he returned).

Reading the history of the Medical Branch at Galveston . . . brings back so many, many memories for me and the work all of us did there from 1937 - 43. You and Dr. Ximenes are so much a part of those memories.

Thank you for the book and the thoughtful inscription you wrote. And thank you for showing my son the wonderful hospitality you extended to him in Washington, D.C. I wished very much that I could have been there , too.

Please take the same good care of yourself that you give all your many patients. You are a very important person (VIP) in the lives of so many people. Your leadership is important these times when leadership is in such short supply. Pace yourself, please.

God care for you and bless you.

*Grace Collins -  
Brown.*

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