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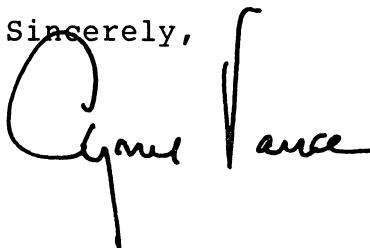
Dear Dr. Garcia:

President Carter and I would like to thank you for taking an active role in furthering public debate and understanding of the Panama Canal Treaties in Texas. Because of these efforts, the Senate was able to debate this issue in a climate of increasing understanding and support for the Treaties.

Our nation is now committed to a course which I believe will bring us greater security and growing respect and good will in Panama and throughout the hemisphere. Your own efforts made an important contribution in involving the American public in this important foreign policy decision. You and the many other interested citizens who participated in this important national discussion deserve our thanks.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "C".

Dr. Hector Garcia,
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