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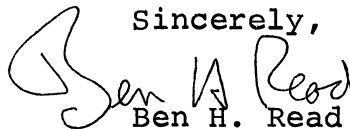
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Rick Hernandez has asked me to respond further to your recent communication recommending Abelardo Valdez for appointment as the next United States Ambassador to Mexico.

Though it is the policy of the Advisory Board not to discuss particular countries that have been referred to it for recommendations, I can assure you that Mr. Valdez' credentials have been and will continue to be before the Board and will be given every consideration at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,



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