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May 15, 1973

Dr. Hector Garcia  
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Dear Hector:

I've just returned from a meeting at Lansing, Michigan. I met with most of the GI ~~Forum~~ people there. The occasion was a statewide meeting on revenue sharing. I am sure you are aware that we are going to get shafted even worse than before thru this system of allocating funds. It is designed that way. Nevertheless we set up statewide committees and task forces to monitor and to make proposals to the State, Cities, and counties of Michigan.

I hope that you are well by now. We are all settled in Albuquerque and I will of course start some activity here. When I left Washington last October I was ill and in no condition to do anything.

The enclosed article shows what Henry Ramirez has been doing to the Spanish speaking on all the programs. He has been speaking out of both sides of his mouth ever since he came to Washington. It is how he was able to get in as Chairman. Phil Sanchez and Raymond Telles have done the same thing. I find it incredible that after we worked so hard to build up a structure these fellows can tear it down so that they can personally get some kind of appointment.

In a way this whole thing will help the GI Forum. For it is obvious that we must start the re-organization and expansion at the local level. The Forum in New Mexico is a skeleton. I doubt if it has 50 members.

Tu Amigo,  
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September 4, 1973

Mr. Manuel D. Fierro  
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Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mr. Fierro:

By all means take my name off the list of RASSA Board members. Unfortunately I am not financially able to assist or spend time on activities that require personal funds to be expended.

For more than 25 years I spent my time, money, and energy for people like you and others to have a voice in local, State, and National affairs. I've paid my dues to the Chicano cause many times over and I resent your letter very much. It would have been a simple matter for you to have requested for me to step aside because others with more time, money, and energy want to participate. I would not only have stepped aside, I would have sent a letter of support to whomever was chosen to replace me.

To mention in your letter that I have not borne my responsibility is a bunch of unadulterated garbage. I did not seek to be a director. I was invited to become a member for the purpose of support at the time Blanca Hernandez and others were putting the organization together.

Send a copy of this letter of resignation to the other board members so that they may know the facts. I in turn will send copies of my resignation to Congressmen and Senators who have trusted my judgement these past many years.

Very Truly Yours,

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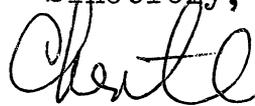
September 5, 1973

Dear Hector:

Enclosed are some pictures that might be useful for the pictorial you are preparing. I loaned out a number of pictures about three months ago to a person that was doing something on Mexican American heritage and I have yet to recover them. Perhaps someday I will get them back.

Hope everything goes well with you. I'm doing consulting work and keeping fairly busy. Glad you are over the serious illness. I left word a couple of times during your stay in the hospital, but never got a return call.

Sincerely,

  
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Jan. 29, 1974

Dear Hector:

I received the letters in regard to the GI Forum's walkout on the SER operation. It was a wise decision. The letters and reasons for leaving the SER operation should be widely decimated.

Sincerely,



Vicente