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Dear Hector:

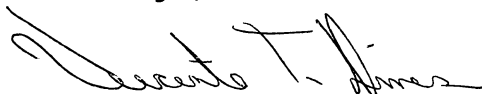
Just a short note to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also to wish your staff and Rosita especially, a Happy Holiday. I realize this has been a tough year for you, but hope things get better for you and that you again become more active in National Affairs.

For our part we had an excellent year here in Albuquerque and every indication is that we will be a power to consider on any activity that takes place in this city.

We spearheaded the petition to deny a license to a major TV station in Albuquerque and after all these years the FCC rendered a decision that did not please the station or ourselves. On a four to three vote they decided to give KGGM-TV a one year temporary license. The situation places us in a bind as to what we should do. We will need to await the ruling and read it carefully to see if it is worth pursuing further.

KGGM at the moment has changed its employment patterns and in fact gives us more coverage than any other station. Therefore, if we were asked today about that situation we would have to say they are doing a good job. In a way we won the battle because all of the stations here changed their programs and employees when they found that it was possible for FCC to deny them a license. I might add that the owner of the station was quite disturbed at the four to three decision and the one year temporary license and threatens to appeal to District Court. Enclosed is copy of our year end bulletin and Christmas party that was held here in conjunction with the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Tu Amigo,



Vicente T. Ximenes
Chairman

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Enclosure: 1 bulletin

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