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Dear Hector:

The Forum did it again. In the last few days the GI Forum in Albuquerque has gained the respect and admiration of everyone here. We defended successfully the try to dismiss Mr. Fernando Rael from city employment.

In fact our public relations was so successful that the City officials backed down 2 hours before the hearing and asked that the dismissal of Mr. Rael be taken off the agenda and that Rael be placed back on duty.

In order to save face they are going to give him 15 days of suspension. However, we are thinking seriously of not even taking that.

I tell you it was a great day for the GI Forum when the City Manager, the City Attorney, the Personnel Director, and the Sanitation Department Superintendent called us in for a meeting. We had them where we wanted them so we called the shots. In fact we laid down our demands on a take it or leave it basis. We told them we would not discuss the case, but asked that Mr. Rael be reinstated by 8 o'clock the next day. They did

Thanks to God that everything turned out fine.

I had a good talk with Frank Paz. He certainly was taken in by Gus Garcia. I certainly hated to hear about it, because Paz tried to treat Garcia right and instead received nothing but abuse and a loss of money. Paz is certainly doing a fine job and I trust him to carry out the ideas and principles of the GI Forum. You and I will have to admit that we couldn't have gotten together a better group together if we had actually gone out and tried.

Tu amigo,

Chente
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive is almost over and still the number of renewals and new members is behind that of last year. At present two Forums at large will probably double their membership. They are East Chicago, Indiana and Southern Nevada GI Forum. Kansas City, Missouri is putting on a real effort and may also do it before the February 1st deadline. Saginaw, Michigan Forum and Auxiliary may also double their membership. Is your local Forum at large going to double the membership? WE MUST INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.

CONVENTION AND QUEEN CONTESTS

If a State Forum has not set its time and place for their annual convention, it is time to do so. If you want to let the other States know about it, please send in the information to this office.

By now every local Forum should have selected its queen contest committee and made preparations for conducting it. The State Forums should have already issued announcements to their local Forums. At the same time the committee is looking around for queen candidates, be sure to look around for members. WE MUST INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP

U. S. GI FORUM FINANCE REPORT

Attached is the 6 month finance report of the national office. Note that we are still operating from hand to mouth. We cannot buy any equipment for the office because of the lack of funds. We need a typewriter, desk, secretary's chair, filing cabinets, etc. We need to build an office. The land and labor has already been offered by the Albuquerque Forums. They are willing to do this because they need the space the national office now occupies. The best way we can expand is by an increase in membership. GET BEHIND THE MEMBERSHIP

For Dr. Hector P. Garcia

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