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VICENTE T. XIMENEZ IS A NATIVE OF FLORESVILLE, TEXAS AND HAS RECEIVED BOTH BACHELOR AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO IN 1950 AND 1951. HE WAS APPOINTED AVIATION CADET IN JANUARY, 1942 AFTER GRADUATING AS A 2ND LIEUTENANT JUNE 1942, AT KIRTLAND AIR BASE, N.M. A DISCHARGED MAJOR IN 1947, XIMENEZ FLEW IN 50 MISSIONS AS LEAD BOMBARIER ON B-17 FLYING FORTRESS AND RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND AIR MEDAL.

IN 1941, XIMENEZ WAS PRINCIPAL OF A RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PECOSA, TEXAS, AND IN 1951 THROUGH 1962 HE WAS A RESEARCH ECONOMIST AND INSTRUCTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO. XIMENEZ, AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS CONCERNING THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, WAS APPOINTED IN 1961 AS PROGRAM ECONOMIST OF U.S.-AID.D. MISSION TO ECUADOR. HE SPENT FROM 1961 THROUGH '63 IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY WHERE HE WROTE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE STRATEGY ASSISTANCE OF ECUADOR AND COORDINATED THE ENTRIES PROGRAM BOOK CONTENT FOR 1966. XIMENEZ RESIGNED AS THE ACTING PROGRAM OFFICER IN SEPTEMBER 1963 TO RETURN TO THE STATES AND ASSIST IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT JOHNSON. IN SEPTEMBER OF THE YEAR 1963 HE WAS APPOINTED NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF VIVA JOHNSON CLUBS. XIMENEZ ALSO FOUNDED THE AMERICAN G.I.FORUM OF NEW MEXICO AND WAS ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS BEING RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN G.I.FORUM NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR TWO YEARS.

WHILE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, XIMENEZ WAS A MEMBER OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION HONORARY FRATERNITY AND PHI KAPPA PHI, SCHOLASTIC HONORARY FRATERNITY AND HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY.

IN 1965 MR. XIMENEZ WAS CONSULTANT IN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE IS NOW AT THE PRESENT TIME IN PANAMA WITH THE U.S.-AID