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May 31, 1966

Dr. H. P. Garcia  
3024 Morgan Ave.  
Corpus Christi, Texas

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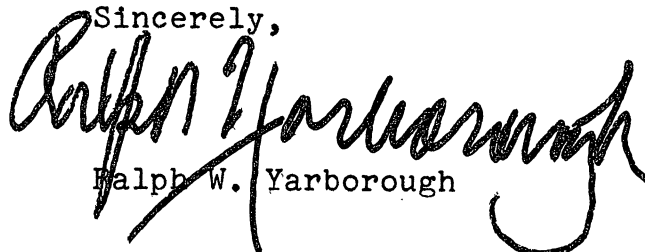
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Sincerely,



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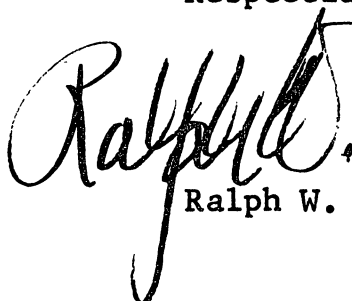
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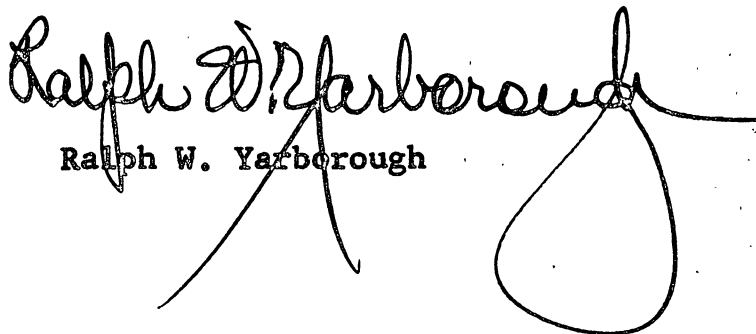
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Dr. Hector Garcia  
1315 Bright  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Hector:

This letter by William D. Bonilla with its free slandering of Dr. George I. Sanchez is the most incredible letter I ever read. In my opinion, William D. Bonilla had not done enough to entitle him to tie the shoes of Dr. George I. Sanchez, and I can account for this ungrateful slander of all of Dr. Sanchez's great work, only by reason of the fact that William D. Bonilla was defeated in the recent Democratic primary in Corpus Christi. It hurts me to see this great American, Dr. George I. Sanchez, slandered in such an incredible manner, when Dr. Sanchez is turning out scholarly work and shows great intellectual acumen, courage, and leadership at this time.

Sincerely your friend,

  
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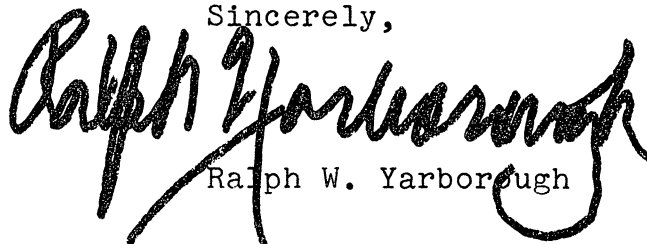
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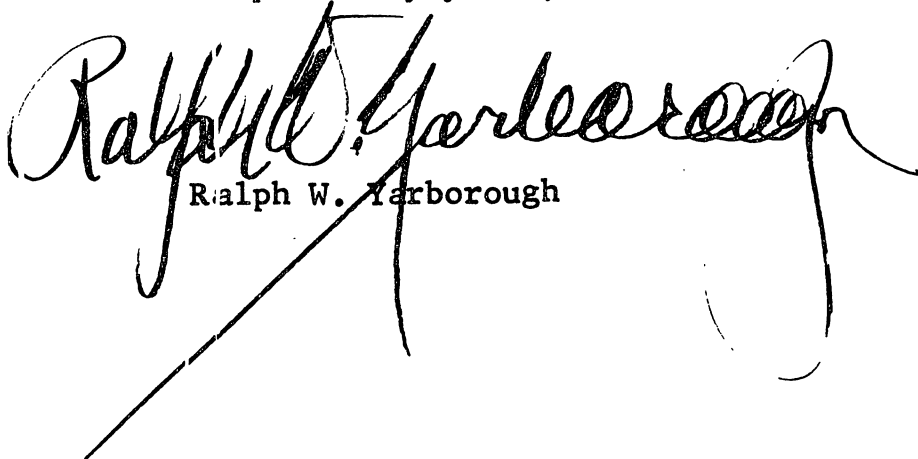
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COMMITTEE ON  
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

March 8, 1966

Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
3001 Morgan Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I think we are about to see a breakthrough in the battle which you have waged against discrimination in the higher echelons of the postal service in Texas. Men such as Ricardo Perez of your own city and Martin Garza of San Antonio have risen rapidly and they and several others are scheduled for further advancements. Under a reorganization plan now pending, three Mexican-Americans will move up to the Dallas Regional Office.

Victory in the battle against discrimination is a group victory. It will aid Mexican-Americans as a group. It will not guarantee that a particular person will get a particular job--nor should it.

I am advised that Raime Mugerza failed to pass the supervisory examination which is one of the prerequisites of the position of Finance Examiner. Raime answered 88 questions correctly whereas he needed to answer 111 correctly to pass. I think you will agree that the merit system, fairly administered, is a bulwark against discrimination. If the supervisory examination is a valid instrument, then to promote Raime would be to discriminate against those who can pass the examination.

If you do not agree with my reasoning or if you have any evidence that Raime was not fairly tested, I certainly want to hear from you.

Cordially yours,



Dick Cherry  
Administrative Assistant  
to Senator Ralph Yarborough

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cc: Raime Mugerza

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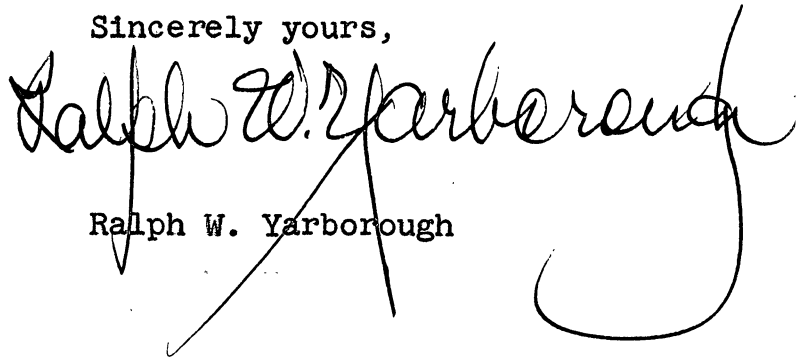
Hector P. Garcia, M.D.  
3024 Morgan  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Doctor:

Please note the letter attached hereto from the Army authorities concerning the matter about which you recently wrote me. I trust you will find it self-explanatory.

Assuring you that I was glad to have inquired into this matter, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Yarborough

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Enclosure

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