

May 5, 1950

Honorable Allan T. Shivers  
Governor of the State of Texas  
State Capitol  
Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Shivers:

My heartiest congratulations and humble thanks for your very helpful and concise statement of Policy. I believe that this will be very much help in our problems which are showing very good signs of becoming permanently solved. Also congratulations on your appointments of the Human Relations Council. There is no question in my mind that all of this will be of great help. I wish to state that all of our people throughout the State are cognizant and appreciative of your fine actions.

I am extending you an official invitation to attend our next regional meeting here in Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 11, 1950 all day long from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Our Regional Meeting includes most of the area in the State from Austin south. I believe we will have about 350 delegates with possibly 150 visitors. The meeting place I will announce later.

Governor Shivers, in all seriousness, we are grateful of your actions. I believe nothing will be more important than your appearance as a speaker in this meeting. We would like to repay you in a small way. Knowing your people as well as you do, you may rest assure that a personal appearance would really cement this whole problem. Our people are very anxious to "see" you; and confidentially speaking I am under tremendous pressure from our "female members and friends" throughout the state to meet that good looking Governor Shivers.

We will have people from Fort Worth, Lubbock, Big Springs, Laredo, Del Rio, Brownsville and all the Valley, all central and south Texas as far as Houston. There will be no less than fifty different cities represented. I know that some people may call it a "political invitation" right before the election time; but nevertheless, you deserve all our respect and help. Personally, no matter what anyone else does or believes, I believe in you and my friends also, and I am ready to help you.

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Naturally, I believe your talk if you accept, should be your choice. I may suggest either a talk of your "School Plan" or better still your "Hospitalization and Health Plan" would be wonderful. You could still talk on aims, etc. of your new "Council for the Study of Human Relations". Under such circumstances and subject, no one could point their finger at us.

You could arrive anytime and we would give you your welcome and your time. We start our sessions at 9:00 A.M., recess at 1:00 P.M., start at 2:00 P.M. and finish at 5:00 or 6:00 P.M.

It would be a great and singular Honor, Governor Shivers, and nothing would please our people as much as your appearance. I beg you to kindly accept our invitation; and let me know so I can pass the word around to our sixty-eight (68) active units in your State.

Respectfully,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.  
Chairman  
AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS

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