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DR. HECTOR P GARCIA
RE: VOTER REGISTRATION
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IN 1976, TEXANS WILL CAST BALLOTS FOR A PRESIDENT, A UNITED STATES SENATOR, 24 CONGRESSMEN AND MANY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF, ON ELECTION DAY, ANY CITIZEN COULD NOT VOTE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT REGISTERED.

AT THE PRESENT SOME 3.5 MILLION ELIGIBLE TEXANS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE. IT CONCERNS ME THAT SOME CITIZENS DO NOT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER OR VOTE. I AM SURE YOU SHARE THIS CONCERN.

ON MARCH 1, GOVERNOR DOLPH BRISCOE WILL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH" IN TEXAS. BUT A PROCLAMATION ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO GET OUR CITIZENS REGISTERED. HE HAS ASKED ME TO APPOINT A STATEWIDE GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED TEXANS TO HELP REGISTER EVERY ELIGIBLE CITIZEN. THIS IS A MONUMENTAL EFFORT AND WILL REQUIRE THE HELP OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE; PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL OUR CITIZENS IN MIND.

VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC GROUPS HAVE AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER IN THIS STATEWIDE EFFORT. MY OFFICE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION. WE ARE ALSO PREPARING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATING IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

BECAUSE OF YOUR DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN STATE AFFAIRS, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO SERVE ON THIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WOULD GREATLY AID OUR EFFORT.

IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE LISTED BELOW. ALSO, I WANT TO PERSONALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME AT THE TIARA ROOM OF AUSTIN'S HILTON INN ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1976 WHEN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M. AND CONTINUE UNTIL NOON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

MARK WHITE



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