

October 6, 1956

Mr. Gilbert Torrez
National Secretary
424 East First Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Torrez,

I received your report on the various problems that exist in Kansas insofar as the veterans of Mexican descent are concerned.

As I told you in my previous report, I welcome and encourage the state officers to dig into the local problems and to try to solve them by organizing groups and explain to the local people the work of the state organization.

Any attempt to solve any of the problems, whether it be in Kansas or in any other state, must be based upon whether or not our actions are legal probes and right. It should not be a matter of being too militant or of raising a fuss. We should explain to everyone that we are not in the habit of raising a fuss or of trouble-making just for the sake of getting our names in the paper. It should be explained to all that as long as we are in the right, all persons regardless of race, color or creed, will respect us for standing up for those rights. On the other hand, if we do not stand up for our rights, we will be told that we're not willing to take the trouble to gain our legal and God-given rights.

This is the spirit of the American G. I. Forum.

Sincerely,

Vicente T. Ximenes