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Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes, Chairman 621 Gabaldon NW Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Vicente:

Just a few lines to say hello and to say that I am sorry that I didn't get to see you during the Xmas hollidays. I see where you were in Corpus Christi, I had promised Hector that I would see him while in Ft. Worth but my family got sick .... I guess we're not use to the cold weather anymore. On my way back to the coast, I stopped in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. I talked to one of the boys there who was a good member in Ft. Worth. He expressed good interest and a desire to form a Forum in Tulsa, please write him a letter of encouragement: Jesse Ojeda, 408 So. Garnett Road, Tulsa (Use me as a referal)

Well I can tell you that the Forum is making a good impression in Southern California and before the year is up I am confident that other areas of California boast the same. After one year of operation we can state that the American G. I. Forum was instrumental in initiating, joining, or pushing at least five vital projects all which have met with success. I repeat as following:

1. Joe Castillo named commissioner.

2. Induced the State Athletic Commission to issue refree licenses to Mexican Amer.

3. Met with Governor Enight to discuss the judicial vacancy, raised 5000 names on a petition, Carlos Teran appointed.

4. Then Luis Diaz, member of the Pico-Rivera Forum threw his hat in the political arena we gospeled the area and indepently offered our support and encouragement, Diaz ellected.

5. Henry P. Lopez, Los Angeles member has just won the Democratic endorsement for office of Sec. of State. His opponent was John Anson Ford, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and generally known as the King Pin of L.A. a man who hasn't been defeated in 30 years, Lopez's victory busted the machinemato little rieces.

I have requested both Joe Castillo and Raul Morin to supply you with periodicals

We have just returned from Fresno where the Democratic Convention was held. We met delegates from all over the State, it was of course a natural instinct to push the Forum, we did so without becoming envolved politically, and I think It will help us in forming other Forums, particularly in the North, so within due time we shall request some organizing kits from you. Please tell us approximately how much each kit will cost, best way to send to L. A. etc.

Incidentally when Manuel Avila was here, a couple of months ago he told me that while he was traveling in Calif. he compuled a list of names through out California and that most of these peoplewere receiving bulletins. Do you know of such a list and whether Dr. Garcia or Oscar Phillips knows of such a list? If so we urge you to send it to us as soon asxpair possible.

I think that shortly we will commense organizing Norwalk, San Fernando and Indio; we also plan to see Calixtro Nava in San Diego. Well Vicente this is all for a while take care of yourself and tell everone hello for me. As work progresses here I will keep you posted.

Sincerely Yours

Medardo Rangel

P.S. By separate cover I am sending you correspondence and wire between Gov. Knight and myself on the Carlos Teran work, believe you will want it for your records.