March 10, 1958 Mr. Vicente Ximenez 621 Gabaldon Road NW Albuquerque, New Mexico Dear Chente: I am sending you a copy of a letter that was circulated at San Antonio by the Lulacs concerning the meeting held in Chicago by Alvarado. Evidently, the Lulacs had planned in making the deal in the Midwest a big publicity and actually did a good job. I think he is to be congratulated. And talking about congratulations, I want to congratulate you on the nice article that you published on New Mexico Business published Junuary 1958. Keep up the good work. Fraternally yours, Dr. Hector P. Garcia

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March 10, 1958

Mr. Andrew Valenzuela, Jr. Joaquin Escandon Sgt. Joseph Lopez Organization Committee 232 E. Saragoza Chandler, Arizona

Dear Gentlemen:

Mr. Frank Rubi wrote to tell me of the very fine meeting with you in Chandler Arizona. I am sure Frank explained all the necessary information about the GI Forum.

Now the thing to do is to try to get a Forum with officers as soon as possible. I would like for you to have an organizational acting with some of your friends and elect officers for the GI Forum there. Then have the officers be installed at a Board of Directors Meeting in liver City, New Mexico. Upon looking at the map I find that you are not too far away from Silver City. The New Mexico Board of Directors meets on March 22, Sunday in Silver City. These meetings usually start at 10 0 clock in the morning and adjourn at 2 or 3 in the afternoon.

If you can some to Silver City I will be there to meet you and will personally install your new officers. At the same time your officers can sit in on a Board Meeting and see how the GI Forum operates.

I will send you the place and address of the meeting in Silver City as soon as we get it here in my office.

Do not miss this opportunity to see the GI Forum in action and to meet some of its officers. Bring your wives and family if you wish, many of us do.

Frank Rubi is working hard towards getting a State organization going before convention in Corpus Christi and your new group would certainly help him. He is already about to report a new group in Holbrook.

Make plans now and I will see you in Silver City on March 22.

Sincerely yours,

317 So 6th st Saginaw, Mich. March II-I958 Mr: Vicente Ximenes National Chairman American GI Forum Dear Mr: Ximenes I have just received the News Bulletin, and is packed with a lot of good news. Since I am publicity Chairman for the local GI Forum. Naturaly I am interested in news that can be well received, and at the same time let the people know what the American GI Forum is doing in other parts of the Country.

Our only means of reaching seven thousand of our own people in our community, is through the local news paper.

On March 5-1958 I went to the Saginaw News paper office I talk to the same young lady that has wated on me in previous occasions. I told her to print the news about; New Mexico, GI Forum winning the year old fight with the railroad Unions. Which in my opinion is one of the many great achievements of our time, and worthy of publicity. Naturaly my visit to the news paper office was for the sake of local publicity, and a membership for the Forum.

After the young lady read part of the news, she told me that she had to call some one else. In a short while a man appeared, who didn't hesitate to say, NO, that he couldn't print that kind of information. He give me some silly excuses, such as, its to old to print, it isn't local news, etc. He went as far as to say; that he doubted if it were true; and thats what really hurts, although I had the News Bulletin in my hand.

In my opinion it boils down to a clear case of discrimination. It has been said that they are prejudise. although I can not accuse.

I was thinking of writing to the News editor, but I think it would be wise to wait for competent council from my superior.

Its funny how the N.A.A.P.C.gets all those big write up in the Saginaw News, and we couldn't even get a little 2x2 corner for ours. But if it was a shooting or stabbing in hell with a latin name involved, they would sent a reporter all over hell to make sure they get all the details.

Mr: Ximenes I hope that you fine this information worthy of consderation, and perhaps white a letter to the Saginaw News Editor.

Thanking you for your kind attention.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Contreras

Chairman of Publicity.

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