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Mr Vicente Ximenes Executive Secretary American GI Forum of the U.S. Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Vicente:

Enclosed are twenty-two applications and renewals from the Holbrook GI Forum, and a check for Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for same.

Things are not going as well as we would like them to be here in Arizona...It isn't too bad here in the northern part of the state, but I was down in Tucson and Phoenix just last week on an organizing trip and just couldn't do any good at all.

I talked to Juan and Robert De La Torre in Phoenix and they suggested I contact E.A. Martinez at 1614 E. Sunland St. and Gregg Sierras at 1611 Pecan Rd...I also contacted Gaven Martinez at 3119 North 40th Ave. and I tried to set up a meeting for that day which was last Monday, April 20th....Could not get a meeting set up for that night so tried to set one up for the following night even though I would have to stay over, but did not have any better success for Tuesday either.

Also contacted Joseph Lopez in Chandler and tried to set up a meeting there with the boys from Chandler, with the same lack of success.

About the only interested party that I talked to was a young businessman by the name of Armando Ortega who runs a large trading post in downtown Tucson, The Indian Village Store, and also owns another trading post in Page, New Mexico. He is interested and would like some more information on the Forum, perhaps it would be a good idea to drop the other fellows I mentioned a note also.

I definitely need some organizing help in this state, I just do not have any at all and know I am not doing any good at all and don't know what I can do to improve things.

We are having one helluva time trying to get our convention set up....It is scheduled for July 24 and 25, but cannot say at this time if we will be able to hold it or not. The local Forum is not ready to tackee the job of putting on a state convention and are just not enthusiastic about the idea.

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I am going to try to make another organizing trip this coming weekend to Flagstaff and Williams and certainly hope I can do some good.

That will be about the extent of my organizing trips for the time being as the state treasury is broke and cannot allow me any money for this purpose at the present. Perhaps we can raise enoug with the coming queen contest to do some more organizing work later on in the year.

The trip to Phoenix and Tucson cost me almost Eighty dollars out of my pocket and did not do much good so I will not submit a bill to the national treasury, for that reason.

I've written people in Flagstaff, Williams, Kingman, Phoenix and even in Barstow, California and have not even heard from any of them....So, I need some good advise and also some assistance if we are to amount to anything in this state.

I know that if we can hold a successful state convention and queen coronation ball, that it will do a lot to stimulate things around here. Am also hoping to get some of the fellows to attend the national convention, I know that would certainly help.

Will send in some more applications within a week and certainly hope to do better in the future.

Very truly yours,

Frank R. Rubi

c.c. Hector P. Garcia National Chairman