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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Office of the Founder
American G I Forum of the U. S.
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

In response to the White House request of Mr. Clifton C. Carter, dated July 6, 1964, we are pleased to write you concerning the contribution being made to our program in Ecuador by Mr. Vincente Ximenez, Program Economist.

During the two and one-half years he has been with the program, Mr. Ximenez has received two substantial promotions in rank and in salary. This was done, of course, in recognition of the high calibre of service he has rendered. Although the Mission currently plans to reassign him to a position of broader responsibility, he has not yet acquired the breadth and scope of experience essential for favorable consideration for a Mission Director position, as was explained to him earlier this year.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and you may be certain that Mr. Ximenez will continue to receive every possible consideration commensurate with his training, experience and leadership abilities.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Keogh

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Deputy Director
Office of Management Operations

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1730 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

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July 6, 1964

Dear Hector:

Thank you for your letter and for calling Mr. Ximenez to our attention. I will be happy to endeavor to be of assistance wherever I can in this matter.

I am also speaking a good word for you in behalf of your invitation to the President to be at your convention in San Antonio and hope his schedule will permit him to attend.

Sincerely,

Clifton C. Carter

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dr Garcia:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 13, 1964

Dear Mr. Ximenes:

As you know, Cliff Carter has moved to the Democratic National Committee, and has been virtually inundated with his responsibilities there. As a result, I was asked to assume a portion of what he was doing here.

It was my pleasure to make your interest in becoming a director of a US AID mission in Latin American known to officials in AID here. You should be hearing from them in the very near future.

Thanks for sending the resume. Your mentioning your part-time NYA job was particularly interesting.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair

Ivan Sinclair
Assistant to
The President

Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes
Program Economist
USAID/Quito
c/o American Embassy
Quito, Ecuador

June 30, 1969

Dear Hector and Rudy:

The attached letter and qualifications was probably never seen by Cliff Carter. It seems a fellow by the name of Sinclair handled the letter through the previous office of Cliff Carter.

At any rate it was very badly handled I suppose, because the copy of the letter was merely turned over routinely to the USAID and the USAID personnel officer wrote me a letter saying that they had received the letter and could not consider me for a director's position.

The whole thing placed me in a very embarrassing position, especially with the people in USAID Washington. Under no circumstances do I want this situation to occur again. Unless the request is made from the highest level and is really an accomplished fact, I do not want to have the request go through the routine offices of USAID. I think you can easily see the damage that was done because the people above me have now figured that I want over their heads.

The attached letter from Sinclair indicates what took place. Please destroy the letter and keep my own comments on the matter confidential. In the event that you again talk or discuss the matter with Cliff Carter, I would suggest that it be done on a personal basis. I do not need to submit Forms 57 to the AID, they already have my entire record plus the form. What has to be done is for either Carter or the President to take the subject up on a personal basis with Tom Mann. Then let the recommendation filter down to the people in charge of the appointments to the directorships.

Congratulations on the opening of the Washington office. As you know I advanced a $40.00 check for the first four months of my pledge while in Corpus Christi. I received a notice asking me to send in my pledge, but I am sure you received my check because a few weeks later I got the cancelled check. Have your secretary check this. I will of course send in an additional amount to cover my pledge.

Please say hello to everyone and hope everything is fine.

Tu amigo

Vicente

Vicente T. Ximenes

P.S. Please be careful of how this matter is handled. Do not misunderstand me, I am not afraid to buck for what I believe is right, but I am sure you will agree with me that the way the matter worked out was a complete failure and very embarrassing to me. I certainly do not want Carter to repeat this situation.

COPY OF LETTER AND QUALIFICATIONS SENT TO CLIFFORD CARTER IN JANUARY, 1964.

USAID/Quito
c/o American Embassy
Quito, Ecuador

Mr. Clifford Carter
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carter:

My visit with you was most pleasant and enjoyable and of course I did not expect for you to take so much of your busy schedule to discuss matters with me. I have related the contents of our discussion to Dr. Hector Garcia and Mr. Sam Fore.

Dr. Garcia will probably follow through with a letter to President Johnson. Mr. Sam Fore was eager to know the reason for my visit with you and expressed a desire to communicate with President Johnson. I promised to send Mr. Fore some background material as well as my ideas of work that should be performed under the Alliance for Progress. Mr. Fore certainly has high regard for you. I also had some pleasant discussions with your friends, Wayne, Merrill, and Godfrey Connally. In fact Godfrey invited me to speak on the Alliance to the Young Democrates of San Antonio College. We had a well attended meeting thanks to Godfrey and Mr. Chance, both Floresville friends of mine.

My desire to become Director of a USAID mission in Latin-America was also made known to Congressman Joseph Montoya. Please be assured that Mr. Montoya, Mr. Morris, and Senator Anderson are acquainted with me through my work with the Unicersity of New Mexico and the GI Forum. I am confident they would endorese or clear any action which would affect my welfare.

In our discussion you indicated a desire to receive a written resume of my background and qualifications. The attached written res me gives most of the details. In general my record really hinges on a part-time NYA job at the University of Texas. That job was made available to me by President Johnson when he was in charge of NYA. Without that NYA jobe I would not have attained college degrees, the rank of AIR Force Major, the position of economics instructor, and my present assignment as program economist for USAID. What I really want to say is that without that NYA help I would have never attempted a college education at Texas University.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes
Program Economist

Attachments: Background qualifications