

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1967

Honorable Hector P. Garcia
Ambassador
To The United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Ambassador Garcia:

You should have received by now an invitation from the Inter-Agency Committee on Mexican American Affairs to participate in the Cabinet Committee Hearings on Mexican American Affairs to be held in El Paso, Texas, October 26th through October 28th.

As you know, the President established the Inter-Agency Committee on Mexican American Affairs on June 9, 1967, at which time he said:

"The purpose of this committee is to
-- assure that Federal programs are reaching the Mexican Americans and providing the assistance they need and
-- seek out new programs that may be necessary to handle problems that are unique to the Mexican American community"

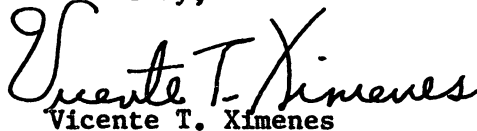
On September 12th, the President announced the Cabinet Committee Hearings on Mexican American Affairs and said that at these hearings he wanted discussed solutions to the problems of the Mexican Americans. This we are going to do by bringing together at these hearings a cross section of our society -- Mexican Americans and other American citizens from all walks of life.

Enclosed you will find a selection card for you to indicate the hearing in which you would like to participate. In order to have a good representation at each of the hearings, we have asked that you indicate a first and second choice. These cards are to be returned in the enclosed self-addressed envelopes immediately so that assignments can be made.

As you know, the Government does not provide transportation or lodging during the hearings. However, to assure accommodations for all participants, we have had sufficient hotel rooms set aside. Enclosed is a request for the type of hotel accommodations you desire and a self-addressed envelope directly to our headquarters office in El Paso. Reservations are being held in seven hotels and assignments for accommodations will be made as they are received. We urge that you return your reservation card immediately and confirmation will be sent to you.

I look forward to seeing you at the hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vicente T. Ximenes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vicente" and last name "Ximenes" clearly legible.

Vicente T. Ximenes

Chairman

Inter-Agency Committee on
Mexican American Affairs