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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you so very much for your letter of August 30, 1962. I was very delighted to know that you and your family have been well and that you took time out of your very busy schedule to attend the national convention of the G I Forum. It is rewarding to know and very inspirational to see men such as you giving unselfishly of your time and efforts towards the good of a common cause. I for one am very grateful for your great interest you take in and the things you accomplish in fighting and safeguarding for the rights of our people. For it is a fact that your work does not only benefit the minority for which you are fighting, but your efforts serve to strengthen the whole fibre of the American way of life and the democratic system in our country.

Before I forget, I want to tell you that I HAVE NOT received the pictures which you say you mailed to me. I certainly would like to get them. It may be that you mailed the pictures by surface mail (not air mail) and in that case it takes mail anywhere from three weeks to two months to get here from the States. If you happen to have any copies left I would be very grateful if you could send me some pictures for my album. I will ~~xxx~~ send you a picture of myself soon, the one when I was sworn in at Washington, D. C.

I see that Ed Idar finally decided to go to San Angelo. Like you, I think that Ed will make a good go of it practicing law there. All he has to do is to make up his mind to settle down and the rest will come easy. Ed has a very good mind and is a conscientious and thorough attorney, so there is no question as to his capabilities. I would like to drop him a line, so I would appreciate your sending me his address in San Angelo the next time you write me.

Well, how did Bob Sanchez do at the National Convention? Was he still as Peacockish as he was during conventions before he got married? Now that he has a big anchor and a little anchor he cannot go around teasing the girls! Or can't he? No, I like Bob very much and I am sure that anything he does he does well - even if he does it with a flair.

Again I want to thank you for your letter. Please give my regards and those of my wife to your wife and children. Convey our best wishes to Jimmy De Anda and to your charming young ladies in your office and retinue. Say hello to our mutual friends and to all our good members of the G I Forum. Best wishes to you.

Very truly yours,



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P. S. Air Mail Postage to Samoa is only 7¢. The last time some one put 35¢ postage.

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