MARCH 11, 1961

MR. DEAN RUSK SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SEC. RUSK:

I RECEIVED THE COPY OF THE LETTER THAT YOU SENT TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT, MY GOOD FRIEND, LYNDON B. JOHNSON CON-CERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF PROF. VICENTE XIMENEZ TO THE IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE DEPT. OF STATE. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY AND AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN WHO HAVE BEEN LOYAL SOLDIERS TO THE COUNTRY IN TIME OF WAR, BUT IN TIME OF PEACE THEY WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN IMPORTANT POSITIONS.

I AM THE FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN GW FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES IN A NATIONAL VETERANS ORGANIZATION COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF VETERANS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN WHO ARE EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL TYPES OF PROGRAMS OF OUR MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THIS TYPE OF WORK. PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY OPPORTUNITY OR APPOINTMENT WHERE WE CAN SEND OUR MEMBERS THE MAJORITY OF WHO HAVE BRILLIANT MILLITARY RECORDS. MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE BI-LINGUAL AND BI-CULTUARAL ARE PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES, AND WILL DO OUR STATE AND COUNTRY A GREAT HONOR. I ASK AND BEG YOU TO USE OUR PEOPLE OF MEXICAN ORIGIN.

I CERTAINLY WISH TO EMPHIZE AGAMIN THAT MR. XIMENEZ IS A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN AND VERY WELL QUALIFIED. I HOPE THAT WE ARE NOT LEFT OUT BECAUSE WE FEEL SINCERELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE AND BELP YOU OUT FOR YOUR PROGRAM. MY SINCERE THANKS AGAIN AND KINDNESS REGARDS TO YOU AND TO YOUR STAFF.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

HECTOR P. GARCIA.

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