

May 16, 1962

Dear Hector:

The Cinco de Mayo has come and gone, and I have forgotten everything political that happened before May 6. I continue to be optimistic about PASSO, and I am prepared to join with you and the other leaders to make PASSO work.

We made the mistake of trying to make PASSO a political machine, when it can be effective only as a political club-- a club wherein, at times, we can arrive close enough to unanimity that we can afford to endorse a candidate publicly; or to take a political position publicly on matters of policy, programs, and so on. When we cannot arrive at near unanimity, let us go our separate ways politically--as friends.

My wife and I will leave for Peru by June 15 (to do a job for the U. S. Department of State), to return around September 1. On our return, I am prepared to join forces with you and the other leaders in keeping PASSO on the political map again.

I believe it would be most unfortunate if Connally were to win the run-off. The LBJ crowd will never do anything for our people. I would rather lose with Don than win with Connally in November. I am convinced, however, that Don will win the run-off and lick Jack Cox badly,

I couldn't attend the meeting Monday night. Since not enough of the fellows wanted to endorse Don, I am happy over the "no endorsement." However, PASSO can get a big shot in the arm if some of its most prominent leaders come out for Don independently.

Every good wish.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George".

George I. Sánchez