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Dear Mr. Bonilla:

The press reports that you are going to make a special effort to organize, or revive, a LULAC council in Crystal City---ostensibly to help settle political differences there. As a former national president of LULAC, I commend all efforts to organize or revitalize LULAC councils. But, also as a past-President of LULAC, I am aware that the organization has no political obligations for motivations---other than those of sheer patriotism and civic duty. Our Constitution forbids political partisanship, and political activity.

PASSO is a political association. LULAC is not. If you are proposing to use your position in LULAC to recoup your losses in PASSO, some of us old-time LULACers may want to take a hand in the game. I have tried hard not to throw my weight around in LULAC conventions---as a matter of fact, I have even abstained from attendance for several years. However, this does not mean that I will sit by supinely while the basic principles of LULAC are prostituted. Some of us paid dearly for those principles, many years ago, when the going was really tough.

As you may know, I am also an honorary member of the American G.I. Forum---another non-political association. As you and I know, very well, the Forum has been used politically. Look back on the PASSO convention that endorsed Price Daniel. Do not make the same mistake in the case of LULAC.

The phony issue in San Antonio a week or so ago ("the Teamsters") is simply that---phony, and you know it. Anyone who says that Pena, I, Casso, Bob Sanchez, and the others on our side are dominated by Mr. Shafer (whom I do not know) is stupid---or has ulterior motives which he is ashamed to admit. Do not bring LULAC into this kind of game---on the wrong side, at that.

Cordially,

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