

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Our Nation was born of the first great revolution which man undertook to secure his political and economic liberty under a democratic form of government. Today, this ~~same~~ struggle to attain freedom, be it freedom from oppressive government, or from hunger and want, or from ignorance and squalor, or from disease and despair, continues. People the world over are seeking a better life. They are demanding that their course in life be altered. They want change. The great issue facing the world is whether this change will be wrought by democratic process or Sino-Soviet imperialism.

The American G.I. Forum has, throughout its history, espoused those principles which call for a better life for all men everywhere. Your dedication to the true spirit of the American Revolution is patent evidence to the world that the United States is disposed to realize its destiny, and support those nations and peoples who likewise seek a life free from those conditions which stifle man's spirit.

My sincere best wishes on this occasion. Your loyalty and support have been most reassuring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John F. Kennedy", written in a cursive style.

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