



March 9, 1981

The American GI Forum of Texas  
c/o Dr. Hector Garcia  
1315 Bright  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Re: Lulac, et al. v. Williams, et al.  
Civil Action No. 74-C-95

Dear Interested Parties:

This letter is to keep you informed of the status of the LULAC v. Williams case. As you may recall in our previous letter, I indicated that an appeal would be taken. Since your receipt of my letter, there has been newspaper articles concerning the possible expiration of any appellate period. Presumably, if the appellate period has expired, we cannot appeal. However, the newspaper accounts are erroneous. Our appellate period does not begin until there is a final entry of judgment. Consequently there is no immediate necessity to file an appeal.

The reason why we hesitate to file an appeal at this time is that the United States Supreme Court held arguments in the Kleberg County case. The Kleberg County case will have a direct bearing on the success of any appeal. For this reason, until there is a final entry of judgment, I recommend that we wait until the Supreme Court issues a decision. A decision is anticipated prior to June. With respect to stopping an election, after discussing this issue with several Voting Rights attorneys, the consensus was that stopping these elections at this particular point would not be successful. Consequently, my recommendation is not to stop these elections. Should the Supreme Court issue a favorable ruling in the Kleberg County case, we can then appeal and after the appeal is decided, request the

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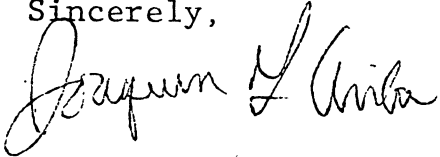
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Court to establish a new election schedule. In the meantime, we are preparing our motion for attorneys' fees and costs and will be filing these documents shortly. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joaquin G. Avila". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Joaquin G. Avila

JGA/mdl



April 12, 1984

Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
1315 Bright  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78045

Dear Hector:

Our most sincere congratulations to you on your being awarded the Medal of Freedom. We certainly can't think of anyone who might have been more deserving!

It is events like this that give us all a little hope and help us to continue with our own work.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Joaquin G. Avila  
President & General Counsel

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June 19, 1984

Dr. Hector Garcia  
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Re: California Statutes on  
Grand Juries

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Enclosed, per your request, are copies of applicable state statutes pertaining to the selection of grand jurors and their investigatory powers.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Norma Cantu*

Norma V. Cantu  
Director  
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cc: Hon. Tony Canales

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