

1. I received a letter from Mr. Juan Solis, Executive Secretary of Kansas, January 26, 1958, in reply to my letter of January 11th. The letter in essence says: " This is a good idea, however, Mr. Palacios is a busy man and cannot, at the present time, attend such a meeting."
2. Colorado at a board of directors meeting favored the idea and in fact passed a motion to the effect that per diem money would be paid to the driver of a delegation to attend this meeting.
3. Pending reply to my letter of February 2nd to Mr. Taji Trujillo of Green River, Wyoming, I am delaying reply to Kansas, however, I have proposed the following letter to Kansas replying to their January 26th letter:

Thank you for your letter of 26 January regarding the joint meeting in Green River, Wyoming.

I would like to express that such a meeting does not necessarily require that the State Chairman himself attend. It is more important that the state of Kansas be represented, than who represents the state.

The purpose of holding such a meeting is to create incentive for the groups at large to further the organization of the GI Forum throughout these two states. In addition, since the national headquarters is not financially able to pay organizers to assist such groups, the burden lies on the surrounding states. Colorado has had GI Forum officers visit the Utah group several times. However these visits have not produced the best results (the Wyoming group was organized later and has not had any visitors). Therefore, it would appear that other measures should be considered in furthering organization--thus the idea of a joint meeting has been suggested.

There is always the problem of finances. The Colorado board of directors has proposed that per diem expenses in the amount of 8¢ per mile be paid the driver of one automobile to carry delegates to this meeting. Perhaps the Kansas Board of Directors would agree to a similar plan. In keeping costs at a minimum, I would recommend that the selection of delegates be chosen from those groups that are the closest to the meeting site.

As soon as I learn more concrete information in this matter you will be advised.