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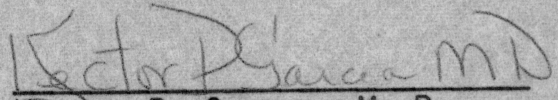
DEAR CHAIRMAN GARCIA,

NATURALLY I AM VERY PLEASED AND HONOR TO HAVE ANOTHER "GARCIA" JOIN THE RANKS OF THE AMERICAN GI FORUM. I SINCERELY WISH TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING JOINED THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT A A GREAT HONOR TO BE FOUNDER OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. I AM SORRY THAT I HAD NOT WRITTEN SOONER, BUT AS YOU POSSIBLY KNOW BY NOW THAT I JUST RETURNED FROM AN ASSIGNMENT GIVEN TO ME TO BE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES JOHN F. KENNEDY, AT A SIGN OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A GREAT HONOR TO WHICH I AM NOT ENTITLED PERSONALLY SINCE ITS THE AMERICAN GI FORUM THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WONDERFUL RECOGNITION.

GIVE MY REGARDS TO ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS AND PLEASE SEND ME THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS CAUSE PERHAPS ONE OF THIS DAYS I MAY SURPRISE AND VISIT YOUR GROUP. DO EVERYTHING TO ORGANIZE YOUR AUXILIARIES AND JUNIORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU NEED ANY MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GI FORUM, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ON ME.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU REAL SOON IN THE FUTURE, I REMAIN

FRATERNALLY YOURS,


HECTOR P. GARCIA, M. D.

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