

Gary Job Corps Center  
June 16, 1970

Dr. Hector Garcia  
President, American G I Forum  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Sir:

We send you a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Vicente Ximenes, commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, D. C. We want you to become familiar with the problem we are having at Gary Job Corps Center, San Marcos, Texas.

We have experienced this problem for several years. In the last few months we have tried to solve it within the structure and provisions of the center, but we have had little success. We are very aware of the impact this problem will have on the Mexican-American community through out if not solved quickly. It could have a very damaging affect on the image and purpose of Job Corps. It is for this reason that we are concerned--concerned about the future of this fine program.

We want to improve the training and education of all American youngsters that are training at this facility. At the same time, we want all employees of this center to feel they have the same opportunity to advance professionally as everyone else, regardless of their race, religion, or color of their skin.

We are certain that the tax-paying parents from your district and state want the very best possible education for all the young men training at this federally financed institution. But offered on an equal basis to all.

Sir, we write to you in good faith with no intention to ridicule or blemish the good work being done by job corps centers throughout the United States.

Thank you for the consideration given to us on this matter.

Sincerely,

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