

2129 15th Street,
Port Arthur, Texas,
February 17, 1961

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder,
American G.I. Forum of the United States,
3024 Morgan Avenue,
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

This letter is in acknowledgement of your letter dated February 3, 1961 by which you have designated Mr. Eloy Cantu, Temporary Secretary and me Temporary Chairman.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the letter we are forwarding Mr. Joseph G. Serna, District XV Secretary. The contents of this letter, to Mr. Serna, will explain further to you our intentions and will give you a complete report to date.

We have acquired a sufficient number of registrations to constitute a quorum but, we have decided to continue receiving more registrations because usually not all the persons that are interested in an organization are in a position to attend the meetings when they are called. They will not be present at meetings due to unavoidable circumstances. Therefore, it is necessary that we receive a sufficient number of registrations, beforehand, to be sure that all of our future meetings will be as successful as our first. The first meeting, without doubt, will most certainly be successful, due to the power of curiosity.

We should go to the first meeting highly prepared so as to impress those that attend rather than to allow ourselves to be impressed by the large turn-out and thereby allowing ourselves to be disappointed in the future.

Once this organization is formulated, if organized properly from the start, there will be little chance for the future need of reorganizing. Each new member must understand his obligations and duties.

I am not so perfect that I will never make a mistake. Certainly, I have made mistakes in the past and, most likely, will make them in the future. However, we must strive to reduce the possibilities of error.

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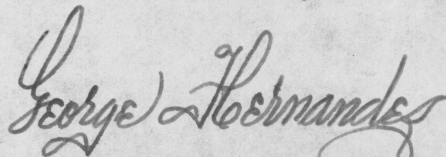
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It is our most sincere desire and wish that we will never disappoint you nor any member of the American G.I. Forum of the United States, in the administration of the office you have assigned Mr. Eloy Cantu and me. We hope we can live up to the high ideals and principles you have accredited the American G.I. Forum.

We are honored by this appointment and do hereby accept. In the best interest of the American G.I. Forum of the United States, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Hernandez".

George Hernandez, Temporary Chairman

cc: Mr. Eloy Cantu
Mr. Ed Idar, Jr.