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Dr. H. P. Garcia
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Dear Hector:

Enclosed please find note that I have received from Gilbert Garcia and letter from Toscano to Gilbert indicating that the Governor might go ahead and issue a proclamation for the GI Forum--perhaps he can designate the week of July 1 to 6 as GI Forum Week in view of our State convention from the 4th to the 6th.

As you can see, Gilbert suggests it may be a good idea to let you work this matter out and take advantage of the publicity connected with it. It might help you recoup for the treatment you received at the PASO convention recently. The people can see that you are recognized by the Governor.

My idea is for you to contact Toscano and work out the necessary arrangements for the issuance of the proclamation and then see if the Governor can set a date in Austin when he can sign the same and issue it to the press. At the time he signs it, he could give you and other Forum representatives an audience and have his picture taken with you all. He can be signing the proclamation as you all look over his shoulder or else he can be handing it to you. I think such a move would be excellent publicity for our convention. I would not be interested in going to Austin for this or participating in any way and would prefer that you take the limelight. You might invite Gilbert to be present if he can get away. Perhaps Jimmy and others from Corpus Christi could go with you.

Be sure that any news releases that are made go through the wire services and that arrangements are made to have any picture taken sent to the San Angelo Standard Times for the publicity will help us extensively in this area. The Governor's office has a capable staff that can take care of all the publicity angles--if they want to do it. When you get through with Toscano's letter, please send it to Gilbert.

Sincerely yours

Ed
Ed Idar, Jr.

cc: Gilbert Garcia

P.S. *Stuart Long, a capital newspaperman, is the Austin correspondent for the San Angelo paper and can help write any story going to the paper here.*