

February 21, 1956

Honorable Lyndon Johnson  
Office of the Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

I am certainly glad to know that you are getting along quite well and I am also glad to know that you are feeling very good. I certainly want to take time to congratulate you for the fine work you are doing as leader of the Democratic Party in the Senate.

During the Tampico, Mexico, Flood and hurricane damage, some of my relatives on my mother's side were severely hit by the storm, and came to be in critical conditions financially.

Naturally, I have sent them some money to help them, but also, I thought of bringing over a nephew on my mother's side. This young man is Santiago Castro Garcia, whose address is Puro la Barra, Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas, Mexico. As you know, Ciudad Madero is next to Tampico. It is actually divided by the river Tamuco, Ciudad Madero being on one side of the river and Tampico on the other side.

I asked my nephew, Santiago Garcia to make application for a visa. I sent him all the necessary papers to prove blood relation, and also I sent him money for the expenses. I also promised and have for him a job here in my office or next door, in the Drug Store that I own.

I felt a little disappointed and also worried because the American Consul in Monterrey would not give him a hearing until August 9, 1956. I am sending you a photostatic copy of the mimeographed letter that was sent to my nephew, Santiago Garcia, wherein they tell him to report on August 9, 1956.

Naturally, I feel that this is a long wait and I certainly think it is a little slow. However, I certainly do not want to ask for any personal favors, what I feel is that the process is certainly slow. In the letter, as you can see, they tell him that they are over-burdened with work, and crowded with work and they are far behind in the work. Naturally, since there is no quota for people of Mexico to come into the Country, I cannot see why this delay is being done and I think it should be remedied.

I have not written to anyone, except yourself to let you know the situation and conditions involving the processing of visas in

2--Honorable Lyndon Johnson, February 21, 1956.

the American Consul Office in Monterrey.

Naturally, if there is any suggestions or help that you can give me in the matter involved, I would appreciate it. If you think there is nothing that should be done, it is alright with me. However, I thought I would bring it to your attention.

Please receive our kindest regards and greetings from all of the members of the American GI Forum who think very highly of you and certainly are thankful to the Lord that you have been restored again to good health to lead this Country of ours on to greater achievements and victory and a greater Democracy.

Respectfully yours,



Hector F. Garcia, M.D.

HWG/mt

Enclosure: Photostatic copy of mimeographed letter.