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RE: Planning And Development
Of Doctoral, Professional
And Post-Graduate Research
Programs For Area Students

Dear Presidents Sugg, Altman, and Venters:

The Del Mar Board of Regents adopted a policy on July 12, 1989 to encourage upward expansion of educational opportunities for area students, specifically the planning and development of doctoral, professional and post-graduate research programs. Jim Bradley and Tony Bonilla of the Chamber of Commerce have been encouraged to assist you by making that the Chamber's paramount higher education goal in the 1990s.

The Del Mar Board also encouraged each of you in June, 1988 to solicit from the faculties of all three area institutions ideas for specific programs as to which there is in place an adequate base for development into doctoral or professional level status. Unfortunately, only the Texas A & I University faculty was included and the committee's make-up was slanted in favor of certain disciplines. In short, although the program development proposals were excellent, they did not reflect:

- (a) ideas from faculties at both CCSU and Del Mar College;
- and
- (b) broad base input from all the disciplines.

As a result, members of both urban school faculties' ideas input were left out of the process and certain disciplines were not examined. For example, it amazed me that there were included no plans for development of political science and/or history, notwithstanding:

- (a) the unusually complex political history of South Texas, which is not reflected adequately in history and government books;
- and
- (b) the need of the Mexican-American community for development of young scholars to research, write and teach as to their community's contributions to the history and politics of South Texas.

You are encouraged to complete the process of providing an educator's focus as to which doctoral and professional programs need to be developed by seeking ideas from all three campuses and then issue your report to the boards of:

- (a) Texas Coordinating Board;
- (b) Texas A & M University;
- (c) Del Mar College; and
- (d) Corpus Christi and Kingsville Chambers of Commerce.

Upon receipt of said proposals, I would encourage again that the Chamber adopt their development as a major goal for the 1990s!

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Del Mar College
Board of Regents

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cc: Jim Bradley
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Attached hereto is a letter that has been sent to Presidents Sugg, Altman and Venters with respect to the need for development of doctoral, professional and post-graduate research programs for area students. I call your attention to my emphasis on the need for a doctoral degree in political science and/or history in light of:

- (a) the unusually complex political history of So. Texas, which is not reflected adequately in history and government books; and
- (b) the need of the Mexican-American community for development of young scholars to research, write and teach as to their community's contributions to history and politics of South Texas.

In light of your very strong interest, it is most important that you follow-up by contacting each of the Presidents to encourage doctoral level programs in the political science and history areas. Indeed, by copy hereof, I am also encouraging your brother to do likewise.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Hector Garcia ✓
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