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Estimado doctor:

Just a note to bring you up-to-date on my research in the García Collection at Corpus Christi State University.

I visited the archives on May 30 and May 31 and received royal treatment from Eugenia Landes and Richard O'Keeffe. My purpose was to research the collection for the period from 1958 to 1967, that era in Mexican American history between the Henry B. González race for governor and the founding of the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO). I am intrigued that González was able to get into the runoff during a conservative era, and I thus mark that year as the beginning of the politics that produced the rise of Viva Kennedy Clubs and more specifically the founding of PASO. Of course, the establishment of MAYO in 1967 and 1968 involved a new political direction for part of the Texas Mexican community. I am interested in determining the kind of thinking that linked the two eras.

Because I could only spend about a day-and-a-half at the library, I concentrated on the key words "Henry B. Gonzalez, "PASO," and "MAYO." I was able to find enough material to return to San Angelo and give the topic closer thought. I hope to return to the archives periodically; for sure it will be when I visit my folks in Robstown and perhaps as early as this August. I hope that on that trip I can plan a brief visit with you and get some first-hand information.

Enclosed please find, with my compliments, a book titled <u>The History of Texas</u>. I think that you'll find that the history of Mexicanos is given appropriate attention.

With much respect and best wishes

Arnoldo De León

Professor

cc: Richard O'Keeffe