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Hector P. Garcia, M.D. Founder of the American G.I. Forum 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, TX 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

It was good to see you at the SAGA barbecue the other day. As a follow-up to our recent discussion I want to take this opportunity to report that Eric Ramos, the researcher whom you referred to us from Texas A&I University, utilized your papers last month as per your letter of permission. Likewise, Roger Rivera of Washington, D.C., completed his research in the papers. We assisted Mr. Rivera over the telephone and sent him copies of documents he requested. I believe that both of them were pleased with their findings.

As we have discussed, we are currently working with the Houghton Mifflin Company to provide it with an appropriate photograph of you for an upcoming textbook. As you also know, Maria Ramirez loaned us three images from your office files for possible selection. We have reproduced them and will return the originals immediately to Maria. When Houghton Mifflin Company chooses the one it wants, I will seek your written permission for its use.

I want to report that we continue to process your papers. We have just completed the cataloging of the scrapbooks, which number over 480 volumes. As you know, the scrapbooks contain a wealth of historical information. They are especially strong on the activities of the American G.I. Forum, supplementing the voluminous number of documents in your papers dealing with the organization.

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers which you have donated to CCSU now comprise approximately three hundred and fifty (350) cubic feet of materials. These include correspondence, notes, membership rolls, meeting minutes, published programs, flyers, pamphlets, clippings, the scrapbooks, periodicals, newspapers, photographs, reports, speeches and other primary materials not only regarding your founding and work with the American G.I. Forum but from your many other activities as well. The tape recordings that you and I did earlier this year include approximately seven hours of interviews. As you will recall, these interviews emphasize your life through the founding of the American G.I. Forum.

Again, I want to state how fortunate CCSU is to have become the repository of your papers. Please rest assured of our ongoing pledge to preserve them for posterity as a cultural, educational, and historical resource. If I can assist you in any manner please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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