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Dear Dr. Garcia:

It has been over a year since I last talked to you about the historical and contemporary research I was doing on the education of Mexican Americans. You might recall that when we last met, I gave you a copy of the summary of a book I had done on the campaign for educational equality in Texas. The book, which is enclosed, is finally out. It is published by the University of Texas Press and the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas in Austin. I made extensive use of your archives and used a great deal of material for developing my arguments, especially in chapter five.

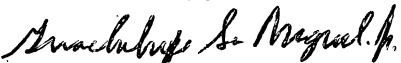
I might add that this book is not a history of the G.I. Forum but rather a history of the efforts key groups such as yours have made to obtain equal educational opportunity in Texas. So far it has been well accepted by academicians and students. I hope that I have done justice to this rich albeit unrecorded history of struggle.

Dr. Garcia, I am not sure how the UT press plans on publicizing this book but a topic of such importance should not be left up entirely to an academic press. It might be worthwhile to utilize community resources such as the G.I. Forum newsletter, Spanish-speaking print and visual media, and personal presentations to promote this unknown history of struggle. If you wish I could schedule personal appearances before your organization or before any other group or groups you feel would be worthwhile. I can be reached at the above address or at the following numbers: 805-961-3012 (work), 805-968-6825 (home).

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Until then I remain,

Yours truly,


Guadalupe San Miguel, Jr.