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Dear Dr. Garcia,

I enjoyed my telephone conversation with you last week; it was a pleasure talking with you. We hope things are going well for you. We saw my brother Stanley this weekend and he sends his best wishes to you.

As we discussed, my wife and I wish to adopt a young Mexican child. We prefer a very young baby boy. However, we will accept a child up to the age of four or five years, and if it is not possible for us to have a boy, we will take a little girl.

We have been thinking about adopting a Mexican child for some time but have been at a loss as to how to proceed with the adoption since we want to be absolutely sure that we will have no difficulties later. Also, we wish to remain anonymous and in no way wish the mother to know who we are or anyone that is involved except for you and whoever provides legal assistance, if needed. We are hoping you can advise us on the legal aspect, that is, insofar as the law is concerned, what will we need to do to insure that this adoption is absolutely legal in every way and that the child is ours legally.

I am 38 years old and my wife is 26. I am presently employed as a financial analyst at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D. C., GS-11, with a gross yearly income of \$9221.00. Although my wife, Sally Ann, is now employed as part-time help at the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs, Washington, D. C., she is planning to quit whenever the adoption procedure becomes effective so that she will be home to care for the child.

We have a two bedroom apartment with ample space for raising a child. We are planning to buy land soon and build a home so that we will have an even better atmosphere in which to raise a family. My wife and I are both active Christians.

Sally Ann and I both were born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and moved to the D. C. area in March of 1961 and since such time I have been employed by the SEC.

We want so much to give a young unwanted child a home where it will be loved and will have an equal chance to make a good future for itself. We know that there are many children born each week who may never have the love and guidance which it will need in order to be a whole and sound individual and to go on helping others when the time comes for it to leave home. We will do our very best to give this child what it needs to be a mature, loving and independent adult.

We sincerely appreciate the fine help you are giving us and may God bless you in your efforts to help others. Please let us know what we can do to help you. We are anxiously looking forward to hearing from you about a child. Our home telephone number is: Area Code 301, 577-5706; my work phone from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. is: Area Code 202, 963-4000 (no extension needed).

We are very grateful for anything you can do for us and if you need additional information, please write me and I will send it to you immediately. Again, thank you and may God guide you.

Sincerely, *Michael Valadez*