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Dear Dr. Garcia,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and excellent health. Along with this letter you will find my file containing:

- ① my autobiography leading to the present
- ② my Resume from college
- ③ A Civil Service Application, should one ever be needed to be used in my behalf.

EEOC ⇒ At present, I am going to have an interview with the Equal Employment Examining Unit of the U.S. Civil Service Commission on Monday, August 28, 1978 at La Quinta Motel, at 9 AM. I received one of the highest ratings for the position of an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Specialist and if I pass the interview, I will be among the first 150 (out of 750 available positions) to receive a job. If you don't mind, the examiners may need references (for these jobs) who have seen me do work first hand, and I would like to use your name.

Now this is where I am asking for your help. Of course, if I could get this Equal Employment job & get it in Washington, D.C., I would be very happy since it is the nation's capital and challenging work is available there. However, since

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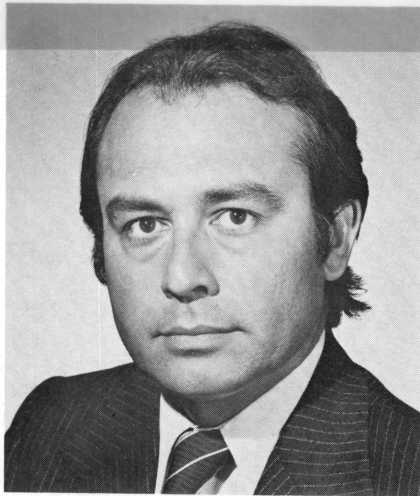
my interests lie in the Intl Studies spectrum,
I would like to work with the State Dept. or
the Agency for International Development (AID).
During the U.S. Forum Job Fair, I applied
with AID (at their booth) for the class of 1979/1980,
as a ~~PROGRAM~~ ^{PROGRAM} Mission Officer.

In this field, a helping hand would surely
pull a lot of weight, especially in terms of references.
If we could utilize the aid of Mr. Abelardo
Lopez Valdez who works for AID, I know I
could be admitted to this class. (See next page)
Please, I feel time is of the essence; the
lady at the booth who took my application
was Mrs. Queenie Hart.

My feelings are to be an Intl Lawyer and this
job would certainly be of great assistance. So,
I would appreciate any help you could give me
by securing the aid of Mr. Valdez. Thank you
for any help you can give me with my
securing the EEOC job and ~~later~~ possibly entering
the AID class one year later. The deadline for
any supporting aids for the AID position is Sept. 29, 1978,
and it takes one year to process applications.

If I can be of any other assistance to the G.I. Forum, feel free to call on me. I will be more than happy to help once again.

Respectfully,
Eddie V. Martine



ABELARDO LOPEZ VALDEZ

★ Assistant Administrator for Latin American
Agency for International Development

Abelardo Lopez Valdez was appointed by President Carter to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America, Agency for International Development, in April 1977. As the chief A.I.D. official for Latin American programs, he supervises the programming and management of United States economic development assistance throughout Latin America at a level of approximately \$425 million annually. Mr. Valdez' appointment makes him the highest ranking Mexican-American in the Department of State.

Mr. Valdez served as a White House military aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1965-1967 and accompanied President Johnson to the Conference of the American Presidents at Punta del Este, Uruguay in April 1967.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Valdez was a founding partner of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Purcell, Hansen & Valdez, and specialized in international trade law and the regulation of commodity futures markets. He served as General Counsel for the Inter-American Foundation from 1973-1975, and was an attorney of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1971-1973. Mr. Valdez was a member of the faculty of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard University in 1977, where he taught a seminar on Critical Issues in U.S.-Latin American relations.

Mr. Valdez holds a Master's degree in law from the Harvard Law School and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law School. He also studied international law at The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. Mr. Valdez also holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M College.

Mr. Valdez has published several articles on Latin American economic development, agrarian reform, the role of law in social change, and on the regulation of commodity futures markets in the United States in such journals as *The Harvard Political Review*, *The Harvard Journal of International Law*, *The Lawyer of the Americas*, *The Journal of International Law and Economics*, and *The American Bar Association Journal*. While at Harvard Law School, he was an editor of the *Harvard Journal of International Law*. He is a member of The American Society of International Law and The American, Inter-American, and the District of Columbia Bar Associations, also The State Bar of Texas. Mr. Valdez is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Valdez, thirty-five, was born and reared in Floresville, Texas where his family still resides.