

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1979

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of April 23 regarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom. We appreciate your interest in honoring Ms. Sarah T. Hughes, Mr. A. Maceo Smith (posthumously) and Mr. Hector P. Garcia.

The Medal of Freedom is traditionally presented on or around the 4th of July and I assure you that your recommendation of these outstanding Americans will receive careful consideration.

Sincerely,



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