

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
DALLAS REGIONAL OFFICE
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75221**

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

During our conversation last Thursday night, I advised that I would check out the possibilities of Mr. Max Lopez for appointment as Postmaster at Refugio. Since obtaining information on this matter, I have been unable to contact you by telephone and since I must leave town to attend some Postal conventions, I am using this means of providing further information on the question raised.

First, it does not appear likely that a vacancy will develop at Refugio since the current Postmaster was appointed in 1957 and is 63 years of age. While he is eligible for retirement at age 62 with five years service, it is improbable that he would be retiring since his annuity with his short years of service would be quite low. Also, we have no papers indicating that he might be contemplating retirement. He will be eligible to continue serving as Postmaster until his 70th birthday.

I found too that a written examination is required for offices the size of Refugio the same as is for the Woodsboro Office, which means that if a vacancy developed at Refugio and if Mr. Lopez could pass the residence requirements, etc., and were appointed Acting Postmaster at Refugio he would have to pass the same examination which he was unable to pass at Woodsboro.

Since the Refugio Postmaster's name is Carl F. Baumgartner and he was appointed by the previous Administration, it is probable that Mr. Lopez could get a lot of backing for the Refugio Postmaster position. However, based on the facts I have described above, I see no hope at all for this conclusion.

I appreciate the opportunity of being able to talk with you last Thursday night, especially as tired as you were after such a long day but the Post Office Department is most interested in having the benefit of your thinking on Post Office matters which relate to the

Latin American people and this purpose was well served by our discussion.

If we can be of any service to you at any time, I hope that you will call me, day or night. My telephone numbers are: Office, 214-RI 9-2171; Home, 214-AD 5-7808.

Sincerely yours,


Debs Hensley
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