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Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Here is hoping that this Christmas season finds you and your family including Dr. Xico and Dr. Cleo in excellent spirits and in good health.

The thrust of this letter is to plainly and straight forward apologize to you if I have caused you any discomfort which I did not intend in doing so. Please understand that my father was real sick that particular day and if I uttered something that wasn't nice I am truly and deeply sorry. As you are very well aware, you are one of the few men that I deeply and sincerely appreciate and respect for all the endeavors that you have done throughout your lifetime. By now, you have heard about me and you know that I speak nothing but the truth. Again, let me reemphasize, I am sorry if what I said offended you in any shape, way or form.

I read your speech that was presented in the "Chairman's Testimony" at Washington hearing dated February 5, 1959. I was very moved to say the least with the article in which you went and discussed "the migrant's world in the United States". That article to me was very moving when it spoke of Robstown, Texas, of Mathis, Texas and I surely can recollect those days being familiar with these cities where I used to pick cotton and grow up with my brothers and my Mom and Dad. I have always believed that "calling it as it is" is the best way to proceed and therefore, I am sorry.

Sincerely yours,

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