



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
U. S. AID MISSION TO PANAMA

January 16, 1966

P. O. Box "J"
BALBOA, CANAL ZONE

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Hector:

Thanks for the newspapers and clippings in which I see you certainly must have accomplished a real victory by getting Roosevelt to Corpus Christi and then conduct the meeting. It is good to know that at least some of these people have committed themselves to help us. By the way what are you doing with the Japanese delegation? It should have had a good effect on the rest of Corpus Christi to see a Mexicano hosting a Japanese delegation.

The announcement came over that Weaver had been nominated for the urban cabinet post. He is certainly a capable person and deserving of the position. What possibilities are there of getting a ~~major~~ post? They were nil at the time I was in Washington. It had been my hope as you well know to have been able to crack the "White House wall", but when I had the second most powerful man on my side and still couldn't do it I felt that evidently it was not possible or there was someone there blocking us. In another year I will have 5 years of experience in Latin-America and perhaps by then now one can say there is lack of experience and as you know the Alliance for Progress will be one of the most important programs in the entire world.

My assignment in Panama is still as I told you very interesting. We are in a real hot spot and it is necessary that we have very good relations with Panamanians. I get along quite well with most except as you can imagine those who constantly wish to exploit people. In every country there seems to always be a group that is parasitic and wants to live by taking advantage of others. Panama has its share of sharpies and it is mostly because of the geographical location in which people from all corners of the world have seen opportunities to make a pile, but at the same time have no particular ties with the country. There are many people who figure on making a fortune and taking it on the lam if trouble starts. Latin-American seems to be full of those types.

I received a letter from Carlos and he told me all about the Roosevelt visit and speech in Corpus. I certainly think Carlos is a good person and I hope he advances in his work in Washington. Give him my regard when you see him. Also say hello to Chris. I hope he is happy in his work in Austin. Where is Fausto? Goos luck to you and I am certainly glad to see you taking a strong hand in the Forum affairs. Keep sending me copies of your letters and I will do what I can from here. I have not heard from Louis.

Tu amigo



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AIR MAIL

29 April 1966

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Hector:

The decoration ceremony must be a great satisfaction to you especially at a time when you are in the middle of a fight on civil rights. Your concern that many people might not come to the ceremony was obviously incorrect because it seems that every one in Corpus was there. As for me, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to have been able to participate at a ceremony in which you were the recipient of a decoration by the country of Panama. You can be sure that I will tell the people here of the great friendship which exists between yourself and the Panamanians who live in Corpus Christi. I can assure you that because of your work our own activities in Panama are made easier by your humanitarian spirit.

Please send me the newspaper clippings and pictures of the event. I know it will be interesting to some of the people here especially those who are friends of Consul Carrizo. Thank you very much for your hospitality. We will now be looking forward to a visit from you. Give our regards to every one in your office and may I add that your new building certainly looks fine. I wish you luck when you meet the President next week.

Tu amigo,

Vicente T. Ximenes
Acting Director



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AIR MAIL
PERSONAL

2 March 1966

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Hector:

Thank you very much for the material which you sent specially in regard to Panama and the Consul from Corpus Christi. Please tell him to call me the next time he is in Panama and we can discuss problems of mutual interest. The Mexican Ambassador Cano was in Panama about three weeks ago. I accidentally ran into him at the Panama Hilton, and of course we had a very nice chat specially in regard to the visit of Mexican President Diaz Ordaz to Central America and Panama. Ambassador Cano is still the same old fellow that you can well remember from Galveston's days, with one exception, he has a new wife.

I also received copies of your letters in regard to the Forum. Please continue to send these copies because it keeps me informed of the activities and of course if at times I could be helpful I would do so by writing to people. I received a letter from Bill Dalton former Chief of Latin America Personnel. He is still interested in getting qualified personnel to work in the Far-East. I believe you should write to Bill Dalton and give him names of people who are qualified. We need not restrict qualified people to the Latin America area only, especially when Bill Dalton is willing to assist us.

I see the mid-year conference is now over and you are back in the practice of medicine. Please let me know how the conference turned-out in Albuquerque.

Best regards,

Vicente T. Ximenes
Acting Director