Dear Doctor:

As you know a number of bills have been introduced in the hope that, somehow, Negroes can be kept out of "white" schools. Most of them are so obviously unconstitutional that they do not present any problem. However, House Bill 831, by Jamison and Dugas, is so cleverly worded that it might pass; and, if it does, it would take one hell of a lot of trouble to prove it unconstitutional. This bill would give school boards a "blank check" in the assignment of children. Under its terms (though probably not intended that way) Mexicans could be segregated much more easily than Negroes! As a matter of fact, your own children (a doctor's children) could be segregated from the children of carpenters!

I am being asked for my opinion of the measure, both by the proponents and the opponents of the bill! I have even agreed to testify on it if I am officially invited (since I can't afford to be caught lobbying). I suggest that the mexicanos raise merry hell about this bill and about all the others that would "legalize" segregation -- for, if they can segregate Negroes now, they can segregate Mexicans. I shoould that Forum members from all over the state should flood their representatives and senators with telegrams and letters protesting 831 and similar measures that seek to make possible the segregation of any group of children.

Am sending a copy of this to Ed.

Mrs. A.B. García

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