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Dear Dr. Garcia:

After reflecting on the meeting that we had on November 26, 1968, at the 1800 South Staples Building, I thought it best that I write this letter to you.

Regardless of what mutual friends may think, I am your friend. We may have had differences in the past and I have tried to overlook those differences. Most of our differences resulted because of your opposition to my brother's campaign for re-election in 1966. Despite that, I have attempted to overlook that situation and I have attempted to be and become your friend as I was for many, many years.

If during the meeting of November 26, 1968, I made any statements that may have reflected on you personally, that you may have felt were not proper, I apologize. I sincerely mean this.

It is my opinion that if we could just sit down together, that we could iron out any differences of opinion that may exist. In my opinion, it is important that we do this because you have contributed so much for this city, the State of Texas, and the United States, that it would be unfortunate that in this little city people would think that there is no unity. We are reaching the point wherein the Mexican American citizen can, by uniting, elect almost any official in the city or county.

In the future, we should have a District Judge that is an American of Mexican descent. We should have at least three City Councilmen. There are many things that should be done and that can be done, but that can only be done by all of us working together.

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It is ironic that you and I had such a pleasant relationship on November 14th and that our topic was the same, and that our comments were directed towards the same people and for the benefit of the people we allegedly represent. On the other hand, it is strange indeed that we have to fight among ourselves as we did on November 26, 1968.

I am indeed truly sorry that this situation exists. I would like to think that we can work out these problems and I am at your service and I hope you will see fit to call me, or have one of your secretaries call me, and I will be happy to go by your office, or wherever you choose, to talk to you further, if you deem it necessary.

Once again, my apologies for any remarks I may have made because I do consider you a leader of this city and of this country and I certainly would like to work with you in the years to come.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W.D. Bonilla', with a long, thin vertical line extending upwards from the 'W'.

William D. Bonilla

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