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Dec. 14, 1958

Atty. Ed Idar, Jr.
Executive Secretary
223 South 17th St.
McAllen, Texas

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are the membership cards for report #1 and #2 and your own 1958 card. The three checks for \$2.00, \$35.50, and \$84.50 were received.

With reference to the application forms the following should be followed by your office:

1. Inform as quickly as possible your Forums that old members who have filled out the forms and now carry a 1958 card should only renew their membership on the proper form (single white 3 x 5 with receipt)
2. Do not accept any more of the Texas forms for new members, instead instruct them that the triplicate form must be used for all new members. This triplicate form will only have to be filled out once and from then on the member need only renew his membership on our renewal forms.
3. It should not be necessary for your office to continue filling out the triplicate forms. The local membership should do this. Because it was not your fault in ~~kkk~~ changing over to the triplicate form and renewal system, this office will accept either form you send in for a period of one month. This should give you time to straighten out the local Forums on how and what to do. After that time we will accept only the yellow form for new members and the white renewal form for old members. We are doing this because we want to help out and secondly because I know that you had nothing to do with delaying the changeover.
4. Do not send in duplicate applications of the same member. If your office does not use them, then throw them away.
5. Once the system gets into operation, this office can guarantee you that any application that comes in, the membership card and the Bulletin subscription will go out the same day. However for the next month do not expect the membership cards to go out the same day, since work which should be done by each individual

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is being shifted to the national office.

In one of your letters you referred to a complaint of a Dario Romero, 3613 G Avenue rear, Galveston. He could have very well paid his dues and subscription but this office did not receive his name in the forms submitted by Velasco. In the case of the Texas Forum none of these complaints can be verified by the national office, because Velasco was issuing cards for 1958. All I can tell you is that he is not in the Texas list of members that paid dues to the national office. It is of course possible that he did pay, to the Texas Forum, but his name was not submitted to this office.

In addition to the above, I have just received another complaint from Marfa, Texas with the same situation. Mr. Federico Portillo, Jr. Secretary, Marfa, Texas writes as follows; "Some of the members have brought to my attention that they have not received their national membership cards nor the news bulletin. The following are the members who have not received them: Mr. Albion Gutierrez, Mr. Tomas Blanco, Mr. Macario Cobos, and Mr. Lucio Lujan. All these members, with the exception of Mr. L. Lujan, started with the Marfa Forum when it was first organized and should have received the cards and bulletins with the rest of the starting members. Please let me know why they haven't received them as soon as possible so I can report to above members."

The national office does not have any of the above members in our list. Their names were not submitted to this office. Will you please look in your file of memberships, and notify Mr. Portillo or this office as to the results.

Give my regards to Bob and may I take this opportunity to wish your families a wonderful Christmas. Incidentally, I received a copy of a letter by Casillas to you. The letter concerning the failure of the liberals to back the FEPC ordinance in San Antonio was so hot the smoke hasn't cleared from my office.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes

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