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THE WHITE HOUSE

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## Dear Dr. Garcia:

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The President has asked me to respond to your recent telegram inviting him to address the National Convention of the American GI Forum of the United States in Corpus Christi at the banquet on August 9th, or at any other time on the 9th or 10th.

The President is deeply grateful for this cordial invitation and would like to be able to send an encouraging reply. However, in considering the many commitments which he already has and the heavy official demands in the months ahead, he does not feel he can hold out any hope of being with you and therefore, has asked that I express his regrets.

He sends his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him, nevertheless, and best wishes for a most successful convention.

Sincerely,

James R. Jones Special Assistant to the President

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