

February 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gretchen Posten, The White House

FROM: S/CPR - Ambassador Valdez *CV*

I recommend that Mr. and Mrs. J.A. (Tony) Canales be included in the guest list for the dinner in honor of Chancellor Schmidt of West Germany. Mr. Canales was appointed by President Carter to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas in 1977 and he is one of the most prominent Mexican Americans in Texas.

His uncle is Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder of the American G.I. Forum which is one of the largest Hispanic organizations in the country. Dr. Garcia, who has been publicly supporting the President in South Texas and who is one of the most important leaders in Hispanic American communities has expressed a personal interest that Mr. and Mrs. Canales be invited to a White House dinner.

Attached is a telegram which I recently received from Dr. Garcia relating to this subject.

CC: Sara Weddington
Esteben Torres

THANK YOU DR HECTOR P GARCIA, FO
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I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MR J A (TONY) CANALES, THE U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND HIS WIFE ADDED TO THE GUEST LIST FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. MR AND MRS CANALES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE INVITED AND WISH TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS SPONSORED BY OUR PRESIDENT THEIR HOME ADDRESS IS 14726 KELLYWOOD HOUSTON TEXAS 77079 TELEPHONE 713-496-0680

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THANK YOU DR HECTOR P GARCIA, FOUNDER AMERICAN GI FORUM OF U.S.

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