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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

As you may have learned by now, I shall be leaving the Department of Defense on June 2, 1977, to assume new responsibilities as Director of the Office of Human Goals, a newly established office in the Veterans Administration. In this capacity, I hope to contribute to the new Administrator's plans and programs to guide the VA by the principle on which our Nation was founded; i.e., that the individual has infinite dignity and worth.

I want to thank you for your counsel and support in the past four years and to express to you my earnest hope that we shall continue to communicate and collaborate as we move into the future.

With all best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

H. MINTON FRANCIS
Deputy Assistant Secretary

