

From
TONY GALLEGOS

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Dear Mr.

Per our discussion in Oklahoma City I am enclosing a letter we sent to President Carter.

We have decided to hold a Conference in D.C. March 21, 22, and 23.

There has been no confirmation that we will be able to see either Carter or Mondale.

I you can make it to D.C. on the above dates we will send you a round trip ticket plus \$50⁰⁰ expenses we wish it could be more but there will always have to be those sacrifices.

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your input would be most
valuable to the Group.

If you can be with us on
the above date please let me
know no later than March 11, 1971.

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IMMEDIATE AND PERSONAL ATTENTION

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

The Mexican-American community believes that it is being ignored by the present administration.

We hope, during our National Issues Conference in Washington, D. C. to discover that this is only temporary and that the future is bright for all minorities. We have great hopes that you will be the great leader this country and Mexican-Americans have long sought and needed.

All the major Mexican-American organizations in the Southwest have joined together to set up a National Mexican-American Issues Conference from March 21st to March 23, 1977 in Washington, D. C.

Association of Mexican-American Educators (AMAE)

American G. I. Forum

League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC)

Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA)

Personnel Management Institute of Aztlan

In large measure, the success of our Conference will depend upon the consideration and sensitivity personally displayed by your Cabinet Officers.

In addition, we feel that it is extremely important, symbolically as well as substantively for us to have a personal meeting with you. (At a minimum we would appreciate one hour.) We feel it is very difficult for us as Mexican-American leaders to tell our communities that Canada is of far greater concern to the President than the fate of over eight million Mexican-Americans.

Our problems abound as we are sure you are aware. We are attacked due to Undocumented Persons (Illegal Aliens). Our unemployment rate is twice the white rate. Our teenage unemployment rate exceeds 40%. Our educational opportunities in many areas of the country do not meet Western Civilization standards, particularly due to the absence of bilingual education. And hundreds of thousands of Mexican-Americans are still exploited by large agricultural interests as they make their way across America insuring the harvest of the crops.

Please do not forget us; we need each other.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tony E. Gallegos". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Tony E. Gallegos - Coordinator
National Issues Conference

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