Mr. boward Idar Jr. 320 Littlefield bldg. Austin, Texas

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Your face must be registering an expression of surprize and at the same time relief - relief to hear that your newly "railroaded" bistrict I Chairman has hopped to his feet as regards District activities.

To summarize and bring you up to date, let me say the following. After the hoard action against Elias and some of the other boys, some bad feeling prevailed around here, so Hector thought it wise to have a meeting down here to smooth things out. I suggested that we go on shead and hold district elections and that's exactly what we did. Yours truly was elected district chairman, mector and I padded some of the "long face" boys in the back and everything turned out allright. Enclosed you will find a copy of the article I released to the press and radio; it will give you the names of the new district officers and so on.

Reorganization of the Valley has begun. He set out sights on La Joya and moved in last Thrusday. If I told you that things ran pretty smooth, I'd be a liar. Before the meeting, some old convervative cracked pot by the name of Roberto Keyna, School Board member in La Joya and cousin of the unseated little Ceasar County Commissioner Beto keyna, disaprooved of the Forum and got the benool board to lift a previous permission given us to use an old school house for a meeting place. Further, some stool pidgeon that was indicted for election fraud special the word to some of the veterans that it was not in their best interest to attend the meeting wherever it might be held. Hell and high water came but we neld the meeting anyway. I managed to get radio publicity on the change of meeting place. Came eight o'clock and practically nobody was there, so A. J. Leo, the local pluger, and I started jerking guys out of beer joints until we got a quorum. I openea up the meeting with a long talk on the purposes, organizational structure, acitivities, and accomplishments of the G I Fooum, election of officers followed and the first group in the Valley was reorganized. Enclosed you will find a copy of the press rel-

Tomorrow, Sunday morning, we are going, God willing, to reorganize La Feria. The preliminaries have run much smoother over there, so in all probablity we will have La Feria sewed up tomorrow.

Virgilio (Benjamin Cardozo) Roel was named the district's legal advisor, but he now claims he will get a monthly retainer fee or quit, so naturally - let him quit. Seriously though he has been assisting me in a great way, were it otherwise, his name wouldn't be Roel.

By the way I need a damn hat, so please send me one and will me for it. My size is seven and a quater and by all means write on it, "district chairman" with gaudy coloring. Send me also a catch of constitutions, membership cards and so on.

Well good cousin, now that I have been "railroaded" into this joo I might as well railroad my way out the right way, that is, do a good job. Please take into consideration that I don't have a car, that I am not yet in a position to pay my way, which thing is vital, and that we don't as yet have a secretary to do all this lousy typing. So it will take me some time, but don't despair; I'll reorganize this Valley or break my back trying.

cc/to

Dr. Hector P. Garcia Richard M. Casillas Sincerely,

R. P. Sanchez, Atty.

Our building is about 1/3 completed. Rather than wait to a sumulate money to finish it, we are going to borrow the money to complete the building. We have not investigated the matter, now do we know if the banks will loan us the money. We estimate we need about \$5,000. I am sure that if the bank will consider the matter they will want co-signers on the note. Some of us are willing to co-sign the note, but if the bank still wants more security would you be willing to sign the note with us? It will be alright if you can't, because I think we will be able to handle the note ourselves, but I was just asking incase we run into some difficulty.

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Mr. Ed Idar, Jr. Exec. Secretary GI Forum of Texas 322 Littlefield Building Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Enclosed are the names of the entire membership of Albuquercue GI Forum #2. We want you to begin their subscriptions to the GI Forum bulletin immediately. There are 144 names for which a check in the amount of \$216.00 is enclosed to cover a one year subscription to the bulletin. The names marked with an X are already subscribing to the bulletin. Check the list to make sure that you do not duplicate subscriptions. When the renewal date comes for the people who are already subscribing, do not send these people a bill as their subscription is already paid in advance.

I believe this is something of a record in getting 100% subscribers in one Forum. The officers are Gillie Aldrete President, Rudy Lucero, Vice-President, Regino Carrillo, Treasurer, Jose Gallegos, Secretary, Frank Jaramillo, Sgt. at Arms, Onofre Tafoya and Meril Esquivel, State Forum Directors. This Forum is also donating \$5.00 per member toward the Albuquer que Forum building fund. All of these Forum members are employees of the City of Albuquer cue and mostly in the sanitation department.

Good luck on the poll tax drive.

Tu amigo,

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