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Dear Hector:

Now that the Presidential Primaries are over, I want to write you in your capacity as a delegate to our Party's National Convention. The role you'll play in shaping our Party's course in this fateful year is most important. We must have a Democrat in the White House because the times are too perilous and the stakes too high for the country to run the danger of further Republican part-time management by people who do not represent all of us.

I realize that you support the candidacy of Senator Johnson. I respect your preference and only want to repeat what I have said before: that who leads us is less important than what leads us -- what new ideas, what faith, what convictions. I'm confident -- as I know you are -- that 1956 is going to be a Democratic year. But let our victory be achieved through a courageous and constructive campaign on the great issues of our time. Our victory must benefit not our Party alone but our country and people as well.

I'm ready to do what I can for our entire ticket either as a worker in the ranks or as the nominee if our Party sees fit to so honor me.

Cordially yours,

Adlai E. Stevenson

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TRANSLATION:

THE SPEAKER IS DR. HECTOR GARCIA OF CORPUS CHRISTI, MEMBER OF THE STATE WIDE COMMITTEE OF TEXAS TO ASSURE THE VICTORY OF STEVENSON AND SPARKMAN IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEW THAT I HAD WITH GOVERNOR ADLAI STEVENSON IN SAN ANTONIO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1952.

DEAR VOTERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND OTHER STATES OF OUR COUNTRY. I HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM HAVING GREETED AND CONGRATULATED OUR CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND NATURALLY, I AM REFERRING TO THE CANDIDATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, GOVERNOR ADLAI STEVENSON OF ILLINOIS.

FIRST, BEFORE I GIVE YOU THE REPORTS AND MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVENSON, PERSONALLY AND HUMBLLY I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR HAVING GIVEN ME THIS OPPORTUNITY WHICH BROUGHT ME SO MUCH PRESTIGE AND HONOR. I AM THANKING YOU BECAUSE WITHOUT YOUR MORALE HELP AND POLITICAL AIDE I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY OF PERSONALLY GREETING OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND AGAIN LET ME REPEAT, I AM VERY THANKFUL TO YOU.

DURING THE RECEPTION FOR GOVERNOR STEVENSON, THERE WERE MORE 100 GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF MEXICAN ORIGEN. A THINK LIKE THIS HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE BECAUSE NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF OUR STATE DID ANY PARTY GIVE OUR PEOPLE SUCH WIDE AND WELL DESERVED POLITICAL RECOGNITION AS IS NOW BEING DONE BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND GOVERNOR STEVENSON.

FIRST STOP OF GOVERNOR STEVENSON WAS AT THE SAQATE SQUARE OR THE BEN MILAM SQUARE AS IT IS OTHERWISE KNOWN, AND THERE AMONG A GROUP MORE OR LESS EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE OF MEXICAN ORIGEN, HE GAVE AXLECTURE TO HIS SPEECH IN SPANISH. OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED WITH MEXICAN MUSIC AND ALSO WITH MEXICAN DANCES, AND ALSO MEXICAN SONGS. FROM THE VERY MOMENT THAT GOVERNOR STEVENSON DESCENDED FROM HIS VEHICLE, HIS PATH WAS COVERED WITH ROSES, AND LITTLE GIRLS AND LITTLE BOYS DRESSED IN TYPICAL MEXICAN COSTUMES AND IN SPANISH COSTUMES AND OTHER NATIONAL COSTUMES DANCED IN FRONT OF HIM UNTIL GOVERNOR STEVENSON ARRIVED TO THE MONUMENT BUILT TO BEN MILAM, ONE OF THE TEXAS HEROES. ALL THIS HAPPENED IN THE SAQATE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL SANTA ROSA.

DURING HIS SPEECH IN SPANISH GOVERNOR STEVENSON PAID HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES OF MEXICAN ORIGIN THAT HAD GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THE STATE AND FOR THEIR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS THE TEXAS REVOLUTION, AS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WAR, AND ALSO TO INCLUDE THE KOREAN UNFLICT. HE SAID THAT UNDOUBTEDLY, THE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COUNTRY IN TIME OF WAR BY OUR PEOPLE WAS VERY MUCH MORE THAN THAT EXPECTED FROM SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE AS OURS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH WE WERE SMALL IN NUMBER, WE WERE BIG IN XLEEN BRAVERY. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED THE FACT THAT OUR SOLDIERS RECEIVED A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONORS THAT WERE GIVEN. GOVERNOR STEVENSON WAS PRESENTED WITH A MEXICAN CHARRO HAT WHICH HE PUT ON HIS HEAD AND WAS PHOTOGRAPHED. GOVERNOR STEVENSON ALWAYS SMILING CONGRATULATED THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE THERE PRESENT. AFTER HAVING SPOKEN SPANISH AND CONGRATULATING US HE LEFT WITH THE WORDS IN SPANISH "HASTA LA VISTA, MY FRIENDS".

YES, FRIENDS OF MINE TO A PRESIDENT THAT SPEAKS OUR LANGUAGE AND IS NOT AFRAID AND OR IS NOT ASHAMED IN BEING WITH US AND ASKS US FOR HELP FROM HIS HEART, FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART, HE WILL RECEIVE OUR HELP, OUR MORALE SUPPORT, AND OUR VOTE. THIS IS THE REASON WHY I AM CERTAIN THAT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE WILL VOTE A STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN THE

NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 4, 1952.

AFTER THIS GREAT RECEPTION, AND HAVING CHARMED OUR PEOPLE, GOVERNOR STEVENSON WENT ON TO HIS TRIP TO THE ALAMO PLAZA. BUT OUR PEOPLE, SEEING AND FEELING THE SINCERITY, THE HONESTY AND THE ENTHUSIASM OF OUR CANDIDATE FOLLOWED ON FOOT ALL ALONG THE HOUSTON STREET UNTIL HE ARRIVED IN THE ALAMO PLAZA. THESE THOUSANDS OF OUR PEOPLE MARCHED, WALKED HOLDING UP *THE TRAFFIC AND THUS, A PARADE SPONTANIOUS, SINCERE AND MAGNIFICENT STARTED WHICH KEPT ON GOING UNTIL IT ALSO ARRIVED AT THE ALAMO TO MEET GOVERNOR STEVENSON.

IN THE ALAMO PLAZA ~~THE~~ MEETING WAS GOVERNOR STEVENSON, THERE WAS SENATOR TOM CONNALLY, SENATOR LYNDON JOHNSON, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MR. SAM RAYBURN, THERE WAS HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP ROBERT E. LUCEY, ALSO THERE WERE JUDGE RAYMOND, MR. CORTEZ, MR. ED IDAR, JR., MR SAAVEDRA, MY WIFE AND MYSELF, AND MANY OTHER GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF MEXICAN ORIGIN. AND ALSO IN THE PLATFORM, THE NATIONAL FLAGS OF OUR COUNTRY WERE THERE TOGETHER WITH THE NATIONAL FLAG OF OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. ALSO, AMONGST THIS GROUP WE HAD *OUR MARIACHES AND OUR DANCERS IN TYPICAL MEXICAN DRESSES. I AM INDEED SORRY THAT YOU WERE NOT THERE WITH US TO SEE OUR PEOPLE CAME FROM BROWNSVILLE TO DALLAS, FROM EL PASO TO HOUSTON TO GREET OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT.

WHEN GOVERNOR AROSE TO START HIS SPEECH, HE WAS NOT ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE GIGANTIC OVATION THAT TWENTY THOUSAND ASSEMBLED THERE AND GAVE HIM AT THE ALAMO PLAZA. BUT OUR CANDIDATE FINALLY STARTED TO SPEAK AND AGAIN HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT BENEFITS THAT HAD COME TO THEM AND TO THE WORKING PEOPLE DURING THE TWENTY YEARS IN WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD TAKEN POWER. HE ALSO REMINDED THEM THAT IT WAS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT HELPED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT ~~NXTN~~ OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. ONCE MORE GOVERNOR STEVENSON IN A CLEAR VOICE AND ELOQUENT ~~XXIXE~~ WORDS REMINDED ALL OF THE TEXAS CITIZENRY NOT TO FORGET THAT AMONGST THE MEN THE BRAVEST OF SOLDIERS AND THE MOST DISTINGUISHED THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN MEN WITH THE NAME OF GONZALES, GARCIA, HERRERA, RODRIGUEZ, AND ALVAREZ WHO HAD FOUGHT FOR TEXAS FROM THE ALAMO THROUGH THE WORLD WARS AND TO INCLUDE THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE ALSO REMINDED THEM THAT IN THE TEXAS REVOLUTION THERE WERE SOLDIERS NAMED CAPTAIN JUAN SEGUIN, WHO WERE VERY OUTSTANDING IN THEIR BRAVERY, ALSO THAT THEY WERE INTELLIGENT LEADERS WHO WERE NAMED LIKE LORENZO DE ZAVALLA.

AGAIN, GOVERNOR STEVENSON CONTINUED TO PRAISE OUR PEOPLE AND HE MENTIONED THAT IT CERTAINLY WAS UNNECESSARY TO HAVE SEEN THE PEOPLE OF MEXICAN ORIGIN HAD SUFFERED SO MUCH UNNECESSARILY. AND AGAIN, HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID IN THE MILAM SQUARE AND SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY WITHIN OUR OWN FRONTIERS AND WITHIN OUR OWN STATE. HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD BE GOOD NEIGHBORS WITH THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY, AS WE WERE TRYING TO BE ~~XXIX~~ NEIGHBORS WITH THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE.

DURING THE RECEPTION IN THE MENGER HOTEL, I HAD THE HONOR OF PERSONALLY SPEAKING TO OUR NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN A PRIVATE INTERVIEW AND AGAIN, HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WAS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN OUR PEOPLE, WELL KNOWING ~~THEIR~~ FINE AND MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DEFENSE AND HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY. AND HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT OUR SOLDIERS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN WERE OUTSTANDING, BECAUSE OF THEIR BRAVERY, THEIR PATRIOTISM. AGAIN, WE SPOKE A FEW WORDS IN SPANISH. AFTERWARDS, GOVERNOR ASKED ME CLEARLY WHAT DID I THINK THAT OUR PEOPLE HERE IN TEXAS AND OTHER STATES WHEN THE DAY OF ELECTION CAME, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4? THIS WAS MY ANSWER: "GOVERNOR STEVENSON, YOU HAVE ~~TALKED~~ TALKED ABOUT THE BRAVERY OF OUR SOLDIERS OF MEXICAN

with us and TOOK AWAY OURS, LEAVING US SAD, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

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LIKE MISTY MEXIC, CARRESSING LULLABY, LIKE MESTIC MUSIC, LIKE A BLESSING TO OUR COUNTRY, THUS CAME AND LEFT THIS MAN THAT SURELY WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF OUR MOTHER COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

DR. HECTOR GARCIA, YOUR FRIEND, AND SERVANT A LOYAL DEMOCRAT, A PERSONAL FRIEND OF ADLAI STEVENSON, HAS SPOKEN AND AGAIN ISAY THAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1952 ALL OF US WILL VOTE FOR ADLAI STEVENSON FOR PRESIDENT AND FOR SPARKMAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT. WE WILL VOTE FOR ALL OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY.

THANK YOU.