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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am gathering materials for a book on Mexican-American Political Participation which may be published sometime late next year. I need your help.

I plan to study two Texas cities. Laredo is high on my list because of its heavy Spanish surname population and apparently high incidence of political participation. San Antonio is second on my list because it has been, historically, a principal concentration of Mexican people and, today, an arena for pragmatic politics. I am looking for sharp contrast between cities.

I would hope to gather meaningful voting registration data, voter turn-out materials, information on ethnic campaigns (successful and not successful) and, above all, the attitudes of Mexican-American activists vis-a-vis aspects of the American political system.

I value your judgement in this area of politics and would hope to obtain your advice and support. I would want you to recommend people that I should see in each of these cities and, of course, I would hope that you would make some time available for me. I would like to visit you in Corpus Christi.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ralph Guzman'.

Ralph Guzman
Assistant Director

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