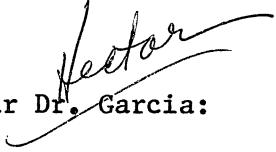


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Dear Dr. Garcia:

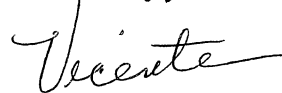
As you know, on September 12 I met with the President to report on activities in preparation of a hearing on the solutions to Mexican American problems. During the meeting of the President selected the dates of October 27 and 28 and El Paso, Texas, as the site.

The President said to me that he feels the era of soothing generalities and discussion of problems is over. That we are now to move to solutions of problems and talk about what can be done through specific programs to achieve the rightful ambition of Mexican Americans so that they can play their full part in our society. He designated the name of the meeting to be: "The Cabinet Committee Hearings on Mexican American Affairs."

After talking with the President, I held a press conference at the White House, announced to them the President's decisions, and answered questions of the White House Press Corps. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the transcript of the press conference.

We are proceeding with preliminary plans for the hearings and hope that within the next week we can get additional information to you. Of course, I shall be happy to hear from everyone on any suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,



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