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Dear Mr. Niabes:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding grant availability through the Department of Transportation. I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Please be assured that I have contacted the Department of Transportation on your behalf and I will get back in touch with you as soon as I receive a response from them.

In the interim, if I can be of any further assistance in any matter that is within my jurisdiction, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant Gerardo Velazquez, in my Washington office.

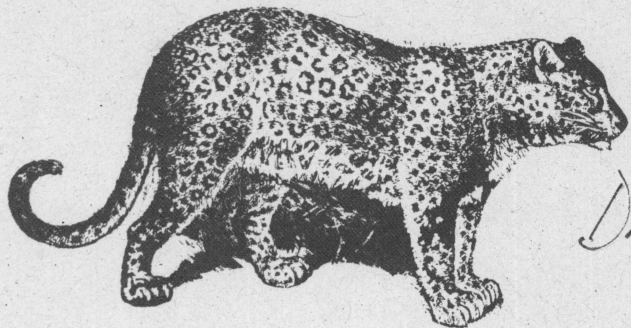
With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Solomon P. Ortiz
Member of Congress

SPO/gv



Leopard (*Felis pardus*).

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DR. GARCIA:

Just to say Hello

AND FIND OUT HOW IS EVERY THING.

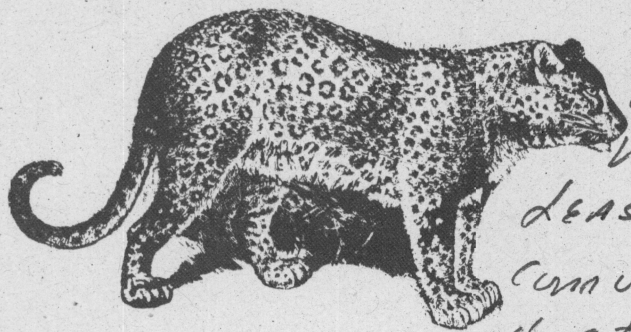
I HOPE YOU AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY ARE FINE AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

BESIDES WISHING YOU THE BEST I WANT TO ASK YOU A BIG FAVOR, AND THAT IS.. IF YOU COULD POSSIBLE WRITE PERSONALLY TO THE NEW POSTMASTER GENERAL MR. ANTHONY FRANK IN THE POSTAL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

AND ASK HIM TO CONSIDER TO PROPOSITION I DID, AND THAT IS TO RE DO THE ORIGINAL OR SIMILAR DESIGN OF "THE HAPPY FRONT" MURAL, THE ONE THAT A POSTMASTER GAVE ORDERS TO DESTROY, SANDBLASTING IT OFF THE WALL.

FEW DAYS AGO I WROTE TO HIM PROPOSING
 OF HIM TO COMMISSION ME TO DO IT ALL
 OVER AGAIN. I DID SENT HIM ALL THE
 DOCUMENTS THAT SHOW I WAS NOT THE
 ONLY ONE SHOCK AND DISAPPOINTED
 WITH THE DESTRUCTION. I DID SENT HIM
 NEWSPAPERS CHIPS, ALL THE LETTERS FROM
 SOCIAL OR ART ORGANISATIONS THAT PRO-
 TESTED THE ARBITRARY DECISION, TOLD
 HIM THAT IT WAS IN ~~THE~~ ^{3 T.V. CHANNELS} ~~NEWS PAP~~
 IN A A.B.O. ESPECIAL PROGRAM AND RADIO-
 NED MANY TIMES. AND THE POSTAL SERVI-
 CE REALLY NEVER INVESTIGATED THE CASE
 AND ONLY TOOK THE POSTMASTER'S ACCOUNT
 AS FACTS. I SENT HIM THE LETTERS ON MY
 BEHALF OF SENATOR DIXON SIMON AND
 CONGRESS MAN HENRY HYDE THAT WAS
 WITH ME UNTIL THE END. I HAD THE CASE
 DISMISSED IN COURT ON NOV. 30, 1989
 SO PLEASE TELL HIM THAT MANY HISPANIC
 ORGANISATIONS, INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

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Leopard (*Felis pardus*).

FOUND THE DESTRUCTION
VERY RACIST, OR AT
LEAST THAT THE HISPANIC
COMMUNITY WAS VERY
HURT, AND THE NEWS EVEN
REACH OUT OF THE NATION.

WOULD YOU DO THAT FOR ME?

I WILL REALLY APPRECIATED.

SUNDAY JAN. 28, I HAD A 2 HOUR INTER-
VIEW ON THE RADIO ABOUT MY MURALS
AND I DID TALK SOME ABOUT "BROKEN
BARRIERS" AND TOLD THE AUDIENCE
~~HOW~~ IMPORTANT IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU,
YOUR MOVEMENT, YOUR EFFORTS AND
ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WE HAD SO-
ME CALLS AND THEY ALL ASK WHERE THEY
COULD SEE THE MURAL.

I HOPE YOU BRING IT WITH YOU FOR THE
CONVENTION OR AT LEAST MAKE BIG
POSTERS. THE NEWS MEDIA IS READY

FOR YOU. AND I HOPE I HAVE THE
PRIVILEGE to be INVITED BY YOU.
I WILL BE VERY HONORED.

I WAS VERY SORRY I DID NOT
SEE YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN TOWN
NOBODY TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR VISIT
UNTIL MUCH LATTER. PLEASE NEXT
VISIT, STOP BY I WOULD LOVE TO
SAY HELLO PERSONALLY.

ADIOS DR. GARCIA. TAKE CARE,
AND HOPE THAT THIS NEW YEAR BRINGS
EVERY THING YOU HOPE FOR.

Love
Martha
Chesler

P.O. I NEVER REALLY GOT THE COLOR PICTURE
I WANTED FROM THE MURAL. WOULD YOU
CONTACT ME WITH A PHOTOGRAPHER.

Thank you!