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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Founder-American GI Forum
1315 Bright
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405
ATTN: GILBERT JASSO

Dear Dr. Hector and Mr. Jasso:

Enclosed please find the study which you requested on
mosquitos and the viruses they carry.

We are still waiting for the study on hepitis conducted
at Thomason Hospital in El Paso. It will be mailed to you as
soon as we recieve it. If we can be of further assistance
please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen".

Karen Campbell
Legislative Assistant

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Mr. Jerry Trevino
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Mr. Trevino:

Enclosed is a summary of the research my students and I are conducting with mosquitoes. We have been studying the sensitivity of chemical mutagens in mosquitoes; however, our focus at present is on the "Genetics of Filarial Development" in the mosquito. Our mosquito model is Aedes aegypti and the filarial nematode is the human pathogen, Brugia malayi. Filarial nematodes are the causative agents of the human disease called filariasis.

Our research is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Program. Current funding is \$75,000 per year until 1991. The Program and my own project also provide funding and support for students, undergraduates as well as graduates.

Included also are some articles about our work which have appeared in newspapers and the University of Texas alumnus magazine, *Sombrilla*. Perhaps this is what you were referring to during our phone conversation.

The reprints or scientific articles which deal with our work may also be helpful. Representative publications are included.

If you need any other materials, please let us know. I can be reached at (512) 691-5484 or our NIH/MBRS Office at (512) 691-4172.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Rodriguez
Paul H. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Professor of Genetics
and MBRS/MARC Program
Director at UTSA

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