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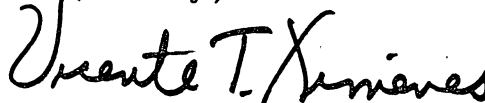
Dear Randy:

This letter is to recommend Dr. Hector P. Garcia for the Founding Board of the Civilian/Military Institute. Dr. Hector Garcia has been in the forefront of military affairs for many years. He is a stalwart advocate of Civilian/Military cooperation. He is the founder of the American GI Forum, a veterans family organization. He is the most articulate person on matters having to do with the Spanish speaking population of our nation.

Dr. Garcia is a former Ambassador to the United Nations and former member of the Commission of Civil Rights. He has always been available to Presidents for advise and counsel. Just recently you were kind enough to make the necessary arrangements for Dr. Garcia to visit with General Goodpastor. The meeting was fruitful and cordial.

Having been on the public affairs committee of the Civilian/Military Institute, I strongly recommend him for the Founding Board.

Sincerely,


Vicente T. Ximenes

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cc: Dr. Hector P. Garcia

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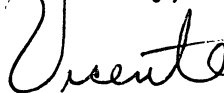
Dear Tony:

I spoke with Alan Campbell in regard to the Civil Service Reform effort at the time we met with the President. Alan Campbell explained the plans for the reorganization of the Civil Service. The President backed Campbell's comments in regard to the serious under-representation of Chicanos in the higher levels of the Civil Service. As you know, we have for many years tried to improve the situation but with very little success. I figure that at the rate we progress and with present rules, the Chicanos can't possibly attain parity for another 75 or 100 years. We certainly cannot wait that long.

The proposal to increase the political appointments makes sense to me and gives us the opportunity to get qualified people into key positions in the government. There are other areas in the proposal which would give us a better shot at the higher positions in the Civil Service.

There are other areas that I am sure will create controversy such as transferring the EEO function from Civil Service to the EEOC Commission. Attached is a formal request by Alan Campbell to get the endorsement of the GI Forum for the reorganization. This, of course, should be a major subject of discussion at the National Convention. I will proceed locally in New Mexico to get the necessary resolutions on the issue and try to get them adopted in the Convention.

Sincerely,



Vicente T. Ximenes
Commissioner
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cc Louis P. Tellez
Dr. Hector Garcia

Attachment

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Hector:

I received the information regarding the national convention. It seems to me that the people who made these mistakes should bear the responsibilities. I am sure that you did not have the time to check on everything that takes place at a convention, therefore, I believe that you should ask the caterers to bear at least some of the costs since the plates were not served.

The point I wish to make is that it does not seem fair that you should be the one that has to carry the bad news to the organization. It is necessary that those who accept the job of carrying out part of the convention should be responsible for their mistakes. I spoke to Louis Tellez about the matter and he, of course, is hoping that the financial situation will not be as bad as it looks.

I have read with a certain amount of dismay the various attempts to form coalitions. I cannot do anything about the national scene, but as you know I have kept out from becoming involved in local coalitions. The Forum has done much better ever since we took care of our own work instead of spending time with somebody else's agenda. The sooner we can build up our own organization the better off we are going to be. The people who want coalitions do not have any interest in building up a strong basic viable organization.

Sincerely,



Vicente T. Ximenes
Chairman

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