

"Garcia for State Representative in 1960"

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My Dear Dr. Garcia,

I guess you know that I have filed for Glusing's place. I have been wanting to go by and see you after I filed but I am so busy setting up a new little business venture in Real Estate that I have been unable to do anything. I am hoping that I can set up my Real Estate Agency soon. If it pays off I will go on to Law School in September and my Dad will run the agency for me. Dad plans to retire from the Railroad this summer.

I really appreciated your advise Doctor. As a matter of fact I value your advise very higly. Deep in my mind I know that you are right. I know that perhaps it is useless to fight, our liberal "primos" are not so liberal as to vote for a Garcia or a Gonzalez. But deep in my heart I feel that we should not stop fighting. That perhaps if we believe in something although we may lose a thousand times we will never lose the faith. My mind told me not to run, not to waste my time, but my heart said "run". I am a typical Mexican, I think with my heart instead of my head so I am running.

I have had several calls from friends asking me to drop out of the race in favor of Lattimore. I am sorry but I cannot agree with what they say. I believe I have a better chance than Lattimore of getting elected. I believe that I am more capable and sincere than either one of my two opponets. I have a great love and respect for my people I am sure they will have enough confidence in me to give me their vote, win or lose.

Doctor, I need your help. I know you do not plan to participate in politics this season. But it would give me a great deal of moral support to know that you are with me.

Yours for our people,

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