

Co. B, 1st Bn, USAECB
Fort Belvoir, Virginia
December 27, 1965

Dear sir:

I am a 1965 graduate of Texas A&M University and have a B.S. degree in civil engineering. I have been on active duty with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since April 1, 1965, and am now serving as a Company Commander at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and also as a ^{Junior} military aide to the President at the White House. My term of active duty will be completed on April 1, 1967.

I have great desire to continue my education by attending law school. I want very much to prepare myself for public service. I feel that there is much that I could do to serve the Latin-American people in my home state of Texas. I, myself, am a first generation Mexican-American. As I approach manhood, I feel that it is my duty to make some ^{endeavor} ~~endeavor~~ to improve the educational and ^{economic} ~~economic~~ standards of my people. In this great state of ours there is still much discrimination against the Mexican-American. I would like to do my part in the great effort to improve the plight of the Mexican-American in Texas.

I feel that the training and experience I could gain through law school would help prepare me to do my part in this great work. After discussing my hopes and plans with Dr. Hector Garcia of Corpus Christi, Texas, he urged me to write you about the possibility of obtaining a fellowship ~~you~~ from your foundation.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me information about your fellowship program, and what is require to apply for a foundation fellowship.

~~I am a man of modest means, having worked my way through college but still paying some of my school debts, so the only way that I can prove~~

Very truly yours.
Abelardo J. Trede