

GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA
JUDICIAL BRANCH
PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA

CHAMBERS OF THE
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

October 10, 1963

P. O. Box 1196

Dear Doctor Garcia:

I hope this will find you and your family in fine health and spirits.

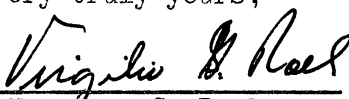
I had been hoping to receive an answer from you to my last two letters, the one I wrote to you at Corpus Christi and my later letter to you at Chicago. However, I am sure that after taking time out to go to the Forum National Convention you came back to find a pile of work to catch up with, aside from having to tend to your daily practice.

I suppose that everything went well at the National Convention. I have not yet received the September issue of the Bulletin. As a matter of fact, the last issue of the Bulletin I received was for the month of April, 1963. I don't know why I have not received the Bulletin in the last five months, unless my subscription expired, but I was never advised. I really enjoy reading the paper and would gladly pay the subscription rate. Some months ago, when I sent the money for Among the Valiant, you promised to send me a membership blank but I never received it. Enclosed please find a check for \$10.00 to pay for my membership and Bulletin subscription. If there is any change left, put it in the 1000 Club. If you happen to have Bulletin issues from May through September, I would greatly appreciate your sending them to me - if possible via Air Mail because surface mail takes several weeks to get here. Another thing, if the Forum is making any Christmas seals this year, I wish they would send them to me via air mail. I got last year's Xmas seals in the middle of January. I am sure G I Forum members in Puerto Rico and other countries had the same experience. Air mail rates to American Samoa are the same as within continental United States.

Last week I was listening to the World Series on my short wave radio through the A.F.R.T.S. (Armed Forces Radio & Television Service) which broadcasts all over the world from California. Between innings, the commentator related the events of heroism leading to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Jose Lopez, whom we know so well. Of course, hearing the short story made me proud. I had on previous occasions heard other commentaries relating to C.M.ofH. winners, but I had never heard a Spanish name. I was wondering if a copy of Among the Valiant should not be made available to the A.F.R.T.S. network in California.

I'll cut this short in the hope that you will use the time you would have taken to read a real long letter to answer me and send me the copies of the Bulletin if you have them. My regards to our mutual friends in the Forum. My wife and I send our best wishes to you, your wife and children.

Very truly yours,


Virgilio G. Roel

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February 5, 1966

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Dear Rudy:

I hope this finds you and your family well, and that you are all completely out of the snow storm by now. We had a hurricane last weekend with winds of about 125 miles per hour. Even though all the food trees and plants were destroyed, our family was lucky enough to get by with only minor damage to our house, no sleep, and a good dose of fear and respect for mother nature. Three or four big trees, including a 60 foot high avocado tree, were completely uprooted a few feet from our house. The local people, of course, lost the source of their staple foods such as bananas, breadfruit, taro, etc, and these will not be replaced for years. But ~~they~~ they are a stoic and resolute people, and with all the destruction of their homes and plantations, I have not heard a single Samoan complain. And aside from the ~~the~~ snow storms and the hurricanes, how are you enjoying the weather, Mr. Ramos?

What is new on the Forum front? Have you seen Carlos McCormick or Louis Martin recently? I wish you'd send me Carlos' address because my last letter to him was returned for a better address. (Is he living at the Shoreham now)? I hope he recovered from his ailment.

Recently I received a letter from John Doar which I shall quote you for your personal information only. It is dated Jan. 13, 1966.

"Honorable Virgilio G. Roel - Associate Justice- Pago Pago, American Samoa.
Dear Judge Roel:

This will acknowledge your application for a position with the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice submitted in September, 1965. Please excuse our delay in responding to your application.

A review of the positions vacant in the Civil Rights Division indicates that there is no position suitable for a man of your stature. The vacancies now existing in the Division are in the litigating sections and the attorneys assigned to these sections are required to prepare and try cases. However, if you are interested in active litigation, we would be most happy to discuss it with you at your convenience.

Thank you for your application and your interest in the Civil Rights Division.
Sincerely, JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.
By: James N. McCune, Executive Assistant."

Attached herein is a copy of my answer to Doar, also only for your file information and not for general knowledge. I may add here that the letter I had prepared back in October a copy of which I sent to you and Dr. Garcia was never mailed by me. I had hoped to get Dr. Garcia's comments before I mailed it.

I would like for you to comment as soon as possible, regarding this matter.

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After discussing matters last September with you and Carlos, I still would like to go to Washington as soon as possible, if the proper opportunity arose. I do not know if I will get an answer from Doar, or what his answer would be, even if he wrote. As you well know, I am now making \$16,204 as a grade 14, plus 25% post differential, for a total of \$20,255. However, I believe I could be persuaded to go to Washington for anything over \$15,000, even if it meant a salary loss of \$4,000 or \$5,000 for me. I believe that once I am there we could work together on a lot of things for the general welfare. I am still very interested in a lot of the ideas we discussed. If you have any suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you.

Just this morning I received a letter from Dr. Garcia with an attached copy of the letter he sent to Macy. ~~Since~~ Since the letter states that copies of it were sent to officers of the Forum, I presume you received a copy of it and that I am not violating any confidences. Of course we all sympathize with Dr. Garcia and I am sure that we all share in his frustrations. I'll answer Hector's letter as soon as I get a chance. In the meantime I am sending him a copy of this letter for his information.

Well, I'll quit bugging you for now. Please drop me a line at your earliest convenience and give me your comments. Give my regards to our mutual friends and to the boys in the Forum. Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Virgilio G. Roel

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