## THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

April 17, 1980

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I was sorry to hear that you have been ill and I want to wish you a swift recovery. I know that being away from your work must be very frustrating, but all of us need to rest. I hope that you will take good care of yourself and give us many more years of leadership.

I'm sending you a photograph which was taken during Pope John Paul II's visit to the White House. I have many beautiful memories of that day and I wanted to share that moment with you by sending you this photograph.

Praying for your swift recovery,

Affectionately yours,

Abelardo L. Valdez

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