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Dear Hector:

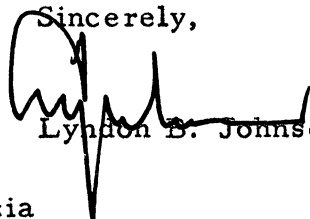
I think you know my deep feeling of friendship for the Latin-American people and also the fact that never under any circumstances would I consider a man's origin to be a bar to public service.

The question of the appointment of a Federal Judge is not within my jurisdiction. As you know, this is basically between the Justice Department, the President, and the Senators involved. It is not a matter in which I could properly intervene.

I can, however, properly transmit your feelings on the appointment of Professor Vicente Ximenez to the proper people, and I will do so.

You have been a wonderful friend and supporter. I will never forget it.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

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