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Hector,

Lionel Castillo wants to quit. He now feels that he is not getting enough support from Carter and the Congress. He should abandon La Raza though. LULAC has given him problem but we passed a resolution in our last Nat'l convention supporting him. If someone like you should call him it would have weight. His office numbers are area (202) 633-2872 or 633-1900, Res is 338-4656. See you at the state convention!

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Hon. Leonel Castillo
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Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Lone:

It is no longer any secret that you want to quit, and that this time you are serious about it. Those of us who have supported, admired and loved you would certainly want you to reconsider.

You must have damn good reasons to do what you want to do, as I have known you to be a man who thinks things out and calculates, but I also know from experience in life that one can get immersed in a situation to the point where objectivity is lost. One can get to where he "cannot see the forrest for the trees."

The lure of Houston politics is very tempting but it is still a big gamble, anyway look it at, and, frankly, you are a more portent figure and more important to more Chicanos throughout the country as INS Commissioner anyway.

The geographic separation from your family has to be a heavy burden on you and presents a problem difficult to resolve, but a degree of sacrifice is expected to be borne one way or another in every family, and remember that while the undocumented aliens and some of the noisy elements among La Raza might look down on your family because of the nature of your job, the vast majority of peoples appreciate what you are doing and do look up to your kids and respect them as a salute to their father.

The so called thankless nature of the position is one that must be magnified in your mind. You have to be figuring that you are

in a continuing cross fire of criticism between the resentful elements in the Service and the damn asses among our own people. Well, like I have already indicated to you, as the record of your accomplishments mounts the "Old Guard" in the Service softens, and as for the dissidents among our own groups, those are for the most part howling in the wind, and will be much more so once either you or someone else points out that what you are doing for La Raza in the way of jobs far out weighs anything that had been done before by any Anglo or Chicano government figure. Of one thing you can be sure, no one in government service is more adroit than you at bringing Mexican-Americans into key positions, so in the end you will be vindicated. To hell with the bastards who want changes to the tune of 100% or who want them overnight.

The frustrating lull brought on to you by the Administration during this pre-election period will also pass, and then you can get in high gear again.

Lone, you must realize that you are the most important figure that our poor people have in the United States government Service. For you to quit now would be a heavy loss which our people can ill afford. Please wait at least until after the election to see what might lie ahead. Let me have your thoughts either by phone or by letter. In the meantime, rest assured of my continuing support and admiration for you.

Sincerely,

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Lone,

Hal Boldin, DD down here, just called on something else but brought out the same subject. He says don't quit! Attitudes within the Service about you have changed radically. They now need you - we do too!

*Bob
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