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Dr. Hector Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. I have just assumed a new position as Director of the Chicano/Latino Learning Resource Center at the University of Minnesota and Adjunct Professor in the College of Liberal Arts. I was specifically recruited for this position because of my work at Indiana University Northwest and my scholarship, especially my writings on the American G.I. Forum. It is a wonderful opportunity.

I can also tell you that the book has been well-received as I am sure you know. The only problem is that it is out-of-print. Several colleagues have expressed disappointment to me that it is not available for use in their courses; This weekend, a Chicano writer and book distributor asked if a second edition was being planned. I told him I had discussed this with the Mexican American Studies Center at the University of Texas five months ago (in June, 1985). They seemed willing but I have not heard anything since. I am sure an inquiry from you will be very influential.

I am also preparing an analytical profile of the G.I. Forum for a new anthology tentatively titled Organizing in the Chicano Community, Past and Present Struggles. This will be the most authoritative text on Mexican American organizations to date; the American G.I Forum is finally receiving the recognition it deserves as a major part of that history.

Another significant event will include the history of the forum. The Texas State Historical Association is preparing a revision of the Handbook of Texas. I have already (by request) submitted an entry on the American G.I. Forum as well as several other items which were part of the Forum's activities in Texas for example, the Felix Longoria Affair, and the Del Rio case, I am preparing entries on the Hernandez Case, the Driscoll decision, and Cisneros vs. Corpus Christi I.S.D.. I am also very pleased to inform you that I have been asked to prepare a biographical sketch on Dr. Hector Perez Garcia. Because I want to be absolutely correct on this, I am asking you to send me the following:

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1. Number of siblings and names, if pertinent.
2. Military service and/or other public service.
3. Professional, civic, and social memberships and activities.
4. Honors received.
5. Number of children, if any.
6. Name(s) and child(ren).

I have been asked to send the sketch by January.

Finally, when I arrived at the University of Minnesota, I met a Chicano law professor and advisor to a very respected journal called Law and Inequality. He knew of my work from a colleague in Chicano history at the University. He asked if I would prepare anything for the journal; I showed him a draft of the Hernandez Case and Decision. He was delighted.

It was a very important day for me ten years ago when our professional and personal association began. I will always be grateful for that moment. Again, good health, and buena suerte.

Como Siempre,

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