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Los Angeles, Calif.
2514 Brooklyn Ave/
March 6, 1959

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, National Chairman
American GI Forum
3024 Morgan Ave.
Corpus Christi, Texas
Dear Dr;

I guess I am among the many many who have not answered the letters received from your office and I want to apologize.

Congratulations on your visit to Washington and your speech in behalf of migratory workers. It was also a pleasure to hear that you have started an organizing committee in D.C and New York. We are glad that Col. Holguin is working for the AMGIF. He is a member of the local Forum here.

Of course you and other National officers are concerned with California, our National convention preparations and organization of new groups here. We have been working hard in both of these assignments. Although, I am not in position to make any official announcement, I can assure you that the results of this work will be pleasing to all in the organization. I am a member of the State Organizing Committee and I have found the results very encouraging. There has not been enough time to attend to all the groups that ~~xxxx~~ are interested in organizing.

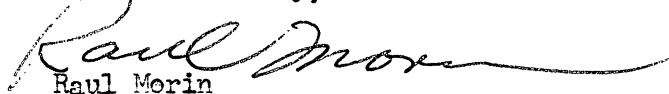
My main purpose of writing, is to inform you that the manuscript I have been working on concerning our boys in WWII and Korea, is finished at last, after 3 years, I am calling the book, "Among the Valiant". I would also like to announce that I am donating the whole thing to the American GI Forum as my contribution to our people.

I would like to ask that if any profits are realized that they be split ~~xxxx~~ between the National office and the California State organization, for organizing purposes.

I am sending the manuscript by separate mail. I hope you or Ximenez will be able to get someone to publish it. I ~~xxxx~~ am sending a few feelers out to different publishers myself. It may be possible to pay to have it printed ourselves and keep all publishing rights providing it is not too expensive.

Regards to your family and all Forumeers.

Yours Fraternally,


Raul Morin

cc;
Vicente Ximenez
Frank X. Paz
Oscar Phillips

Los Angeles, Calif. 12.
March 9, 1959

Dear Dr;

Enclosed is the manuscript and a sample of the style of banner I mentioned some time back.

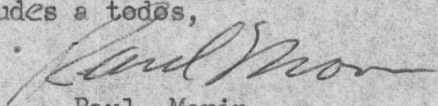
The manuscript is complete except for a few missing notes that are not too important but have been promised them and as soon as I get them I will airmail them together with the final notes I am doing in which I mention the organization and a few notes about yourself and other prominent Mexican-Americans of the U.S who have not been mentioned before.

I have most of the pictures of the 17 congressional Medal of Honor winners plus others and have been promised additional pictures that can be used. I ~~would~~ also hope to have some drawings made and some maps in case they are needed. Also needed for the book is an introduction. It should be by some prominent person, not necessarily of Mexican descent. I have on hand facts, figures and other data that may be used. The idea is to mention what percentage of Mexican-Americans served in the Armed Forces during the war and the percentage of decorations.

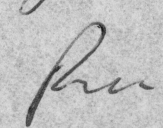
Concerning the banner; it was made by Mr. Juan Prats of the La Puente Forum and myself and was sewed by my wife. We figured the cost, to us, will run to about \$30.00 each. The national office should get at least \$50.00 for them. The price will go down if enough of them are run at one time.

Hope we can get the book printed by convention time.

Saludes a todos,


Raul Morin

Also have 'PROLOGUE' that
is not complete as yet.

Also acknowledgments - 



LOS ANGELES GI FORUM

Veterans Family Organization

June 15, 1959

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear State Chairman,

As an added feature attraction for our National Convention to be held here in Los Angeles, August 13-16, we are inviting Congressional Medal of Honor winners and other highly decorated men to be our special guests of honor.

I have been instructed to write to all State Chairmen and ask their assistance in forwarding this invitation to any g highly decorated Mexican-American veterans in their respective states.

The following are some names with their last-known addresses of some CMH winners and other highly decorated men living in states where the GI Forum is organized. Perhaps you may have additional names of other persons who fall in this category:

Silvestre S. Herrera	Route 4, Box 991, Phoenix, Arizona
Rudy Hernandez	2712 Cornell St., Fresno, California
Lt. Joseph Rodriguez	U.S. Army, Panama
Macario Garcia	Houston, Texas <i>5606 Willow Glen</i>
Sgt. 1/c Jose M. Lopez	U.S. Army. Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
Sgt. 1/c Cleto Rodriguez	U.S. Army. Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Luciano Adams	c/o Veterans Administration, Harlingen, Texas
Gabriel Navarette <i>Vets.</i>	County Service Officer, El Paso, Texas <i>Co. Court-house</i>
M/Sgt. Alejandro Ruiz	U.S. Army. Hometown: Loving, New Mexico
Lt. Col. Holguin	Pentagon Bldg., Washington, D.C., US AirForce
Guy S. Cabaldon	Bellflower, California
Johnny R. Flores	Pacoima, California

As far as I know, the convention will pay for the lodging and food expenses. Transportation is our only problem. All state chairmen are asked to supply some arrangement for transportation of decorated men who wish to attend the Convention.

A request will be made through our National Chairman to the War Department for transportation of those still in service, if they are permitted to attend.

Please notify us as early as possible who will attend from your state.

Sincerely yours,

Raul Morin, member Convention Planning Committee

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Monterey Park, California
1280 Crest Vista Dr.
June 29, 1959

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
3024 Morgan Ave.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Doctor;

Received your of June 25th. Am very glad to know that you will try to get the Congressional Medal of Honor winners that are in the Service now. We are sure that at least a couple of them will be able to attend from those in California at the present time.

My most interest in your letter is about your reaction to the letter from Comet and Co, Publishers. regarding my manuscript, "Among the Valiant". I think that their offer is just about as good as we can get from any other reputable firm.

I would like for you to send them the manuscript I send you some time ago. I have two other copies here but they are ~~not~~ carbon copies and some of the pages will have to be done over. Please let me know if you will be able to do this and if not I will tackle the pages again to send them a ~~new~~ neat copy. Also I would like to know if you made any changes or corrections to the copy you have on hand so that all three copies will be the same.

Congratulations on your successful trip to Oregon and Idaho. and on your new car. Best wishes for a nice trip for you and your family on your way down to the convention.

We are having a hectic time working out details on both the State and National conventions added to that the work that has piled up in the organizing committee, that I am a member of, but we are confident that everything will come out alright and we will have one of the most successful conventions in the history of the organization.

Best regards to your family and to all the Forum members there.

Yours sincerely,
Raul Morin
Raul Morin

P.S. Would like to have carbons of letters to the publishing company or have them send ~~me~~ the information to my address. The address of the Comet and Co., Publishers is; 131, 23rd. St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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DORRANCE & COMPANY INC.

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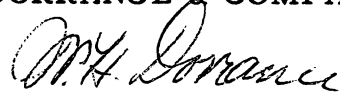
Dear Mr. Morin:

On April 15 we received a carbon copy of a descriptive sheet about *AMONG THE VALIENT*, the story of the Mexican-American GI Joes in World War II and Korea.

It is interesting to know that "The American GI Forum," a national veterans organization composed primarily of Mexican-Americans whose membership numbers over 20,000 is willing to aid in the sale and distribution should this book be published. Ordinarily, first novels here must be considered on a subsidy basis, but if the forum could underwrite the sale of three or four thousand copies of the book at the regular dealers' discount of 40%, this might pave the way for publication. They, in turn, could sell the book to their membership and net a profit on each copy sold.

If you will be kind enough to send in the work, we will be pleased to give it a friendly reading and prompt report and tell you just what we may be able to do.

Yours sincerely,
DORRANCE & COMPANY INC.



W. H. Dorrance

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