

May 9, 1950

Representative John E. Lyle
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Lyle:

We are indeed very grateful for your fine help in securing the much needed beds for our area. We, veterans are well aware of your fine work.

A few days ago, a young man, Lucio Garcia, age 19 years, who is studying at Midwestern University at Wichita Falls, Texas came to see me about getting some help in getting him an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The young man impressed me as being very eager to enter the Academy and serve our Country in the Armed Service. I think he is above the average student in scholastics and is a very good athlete.

I believe you and I having served in the armed services of our Country, recognize the fact that one of our best selling points for Democracy is its fine representation of all our groups. During the last War, I believe approximately 100,000 to 175,000 of the Texas soldiers were Spanish-speaking. Some of them due to the fact that they were not able to speak English and receive instructions, did not contribute as much as they would have liked to.

During the War, as you recall, we were training soldiers and officers from Mexico, Argentina, and other Central and South American Countries. Also, we were sending instructors and Military Attaches to many Spanish-speaking Countries. Officers who were belligerent were at a premium. I do not know Garcia's family and he is not related to me; my only interest is to serve my Country to the best of my ability. I believe Garcia would be an asset to our Army and I would consider it a personal favor if you could get him an interview.

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Thanking you for all your consideration given
to this matter, I remain

Respectfully,

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