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Dr. Hector **?.** Garcia 3024 Morgan Avenue Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Hector:

I see by your letter that you have moved to your new office building. It must be good to move out of the old place and into a brand new building with plenty of space. Congratulations! I am sure the new place will be an asset to the Corpus Christi area. Thank you very much for your invitation to attend the anniversary of the independence of Panama. However, as you know, trips of that type are rather difficult for any of us to make unless we happen to be in the U.S. on home leave. Nevertheless it was very kind of you and of Mr. Carrizo, the Consul General, to have invited me.

The letter that you sent to Secretary Rusk was excellent, in fact it is this type of thing that helps out probably more than anything else. I have an idea that thousands of people in the U.S. do not realize the tremendous impact which you have made on the people in the U.S. However, I am sure that you understand that those of us who have been with you through thick and thin will never let you down. I am looking forward to the day when I can again be with you and old friends in the Corpus Christi area. Incidentally, I just received ten pictures from the President's Office which show President Johnson with his class in Cotulla, Texas. I thought it was very nice of them to send them.

Please give my regards to every one,

Sincerely,

Vicente T. Ximenes