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Dear Hector,

I was glad to hear from you. I want to thank you for your work in selling the D.C. Office idea to our forumeers prior to the convention. The letter from your office concerning the D.C. Office was also encourageing and effective. The success of your work in selling the D.C. Office was best exemplified by the solid unwaivering moral and financial support received from the board of directors. Once again I thank you.....

I want to run an efficient and effective business-like office; however, I will have to receive the appropriations before I can do this. I have received \$150 for the month of August. This is enough to pay the rent and utilities minus telephone. I have laid-off our full-time Administrative Assist. Mr. Richard Avena - pre-law, Forumeer, until I have funds to pay him. I am hopeful that with the help of the Advisory Committee to the D.C. Office of which you are chairman, that the D.C. Office will be guided and managed as it should be.....

The period between now and the general elections is such a critical one that I wish that you and I had had more time to discuss and exchange ideas. Most of all I wish that I had received more guidance from you and the committee on what is expected from the D.C. Office... I would have liked to have discussed with you what this office has been doing and how it has been done. I welcome guidance and advise on how to go about accomplishing our goals.... Also, I welcome the active interest and participation of all our members in the activities of the Washington D.C. Office of the American G.I. Forum. I hope that the present interest is but a beginning to the active participation by our members in the activities of their office in Washington D.C.....

In directing the activities of our Washington D.C. Office I have followed my duty as my conscience has given me insight to see that duty. Many times I have asked for guidance and participation, but when I had been forced to make a decision, I was the loniest man while anticipating the correctness of my action. We have come this far with but few scratches. I am very hopeful that the Advisory Committee of the Washington D.C. Office will help me with guidance and advise..... I need both

Concerning your inquiry dated July 29, 1964.....

1. I REPRESENT ONLY THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM.....
2. As far as I know the American G.I. Forum and its D.C. Office has no ties with anyother organization or group.....
3. The letter of announcement and invitation to the conference makes reference to the fact aht the following people had agreed to sit with us,help us, under our guidance.....
 1. Attorney Norman Kirtland.. Employed .. U.S. Civil Rights Commission assigned to H.E.W. where he is spearheading Health Education and Welfare research for the Mexican-American.. He has submitted his application to become a member of our Forum.....
 2. Attorney Paul Kirton.. FORUMEER...Legal Advisor for the National Council for the Blind... Also a Nationa Officer of that council...
 3. Joseph Intermaggio... Deputy Director, Metropolitan Research Institute of D.C... Specialized in corrective measures in the social problems.....

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4. Edmond Kanwit (Former) Dr. in Socio-Economic Statistical Analysis.. employed by the Commerce Dept... He was sent by the U.S. to study and report on the Socio-Economic movement in Mexico.....
5. Ann Gould... Director of Training programs for AREA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.... Has been very instrumental in getting some retraining programs for the Mexican-American and the Migrant workers....
6. John Hope..... Chief, Government Employment Section, President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity.....
7. Ed Sheldon.. Assistant Chief, Government Employment, President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity....
8. Luis Ramirez, Former, Government Compliance, in charge of the Equal Employment Program for the Dept of Interior, T.V.A. and the U.S. Information Agency.....
10. Ben Neufelt, Atty, Director, National Council on Farm Life
11. Paul Deac, Director, National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups
12. Paul Demos, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Joseph M. Montoya
13. Austin Hogan, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Edward Roybal
14. Warren Meek, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Henry Gonzalez
15. Luis Quiesa, President, Institute of Puerto Rico, Ny, Ny.....

The people merely advise... supply information.... they do not rule, pass on policy, procedure or anything else..... I do not represent them nor any other organization..... I would like to bring all of them into the American G.I. Forum.....Some already have.... All have become interested in the work of the American G.I. Forum and in the problems of the Mexican-American.....

With the guidance and advise which I have thus far received from our National Officers, the above plan of action is the best which I have been able to conceive and put into action.....

I WELCOME ADVISE AND GUIDANCE ON HOW TO IMPROVE THIS OPERATION FOR THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN.....

Sincerely yours,

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