

December 4, 1964

Sergeant Shriver, Director
Office of Economic Opportunity
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Shriver:

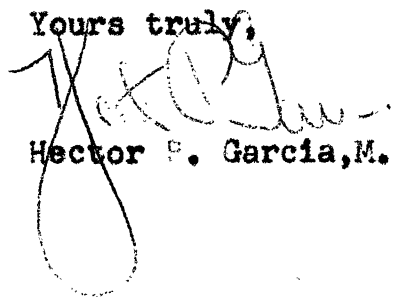
I want to congratulate you on the fine work you have done. I also want to congratulate you on your "War Against Poverty."

I understand from newspaper reports that a group of people in Robstown, Texas have applied for a state charter to work on youth.

Personally, I believe that the community that has applied for this work is not representative of the community: 1. Because there are not any latin Americans in the committee. 2. There are no latin American organizations represented in the committee. 3. Robstown has a population of over seventy per cent latin Americans. 4. There is an American G.I. Forum in Robstown that should participate as members of this committee. They are willing, able and ready to do so. Therefore I am requesting that the Committee be corrected to include some of our American G.I. Forum members in the group.

I believe it would be unfair to leave the American G.I. Forum out because we have been working for this program since our beginning. The chairman of the American G.I. Forum in Robstown, Texas is Mr. Joe Betancourt, Jr. P.O. Box 1042, Robstown, Texas

Yours truly,


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