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Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I hope this will find you and your nice family in the best of health and spirits. Me acorde de escribirte porque mañana es Dia de la Raza.

I was very glad to have had a chance to talk to you on the telephone from Washington during my recent visit to attend the World Conference on World Peace Through Law. I very much appreciated your interest and your offer to help get a Mexicano in the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Division.

Like I told you on the telephone, Rudy Ramos was very kind during my stay in Washington. He moved around not only fast but with precision and direction. Even though I had gone to Washington only to attend the World Conference, he took up the ball and kept running. He introduced me to Louis Martin of the Democratic National Committee, to Cliff Carter, also at the Committee; he arranged an interview with Cliff Alexander of the White House Staff, and with the greatest of ease also arranged an interview with Attorney General Katzenbach and Mr. John Doar, the Attorney General's deputy who heads the Civil Rights Division, this last one the same day he asked for it.

You told me that you were writing a letter to the White House on the matter when I talked to you on the telephone. I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me a copy of your letter for my files.

I also saw Senator Yarborough while in Washington. He treated me very nice and asked me if there was anything he could do, and I told him of your interest and the Forum's interest in getting some Mexicano in a policy-making position of the Civil Rights Division in the Attorney General's Office. He immediately called in Dick Cherry, his new Administrative Assistant, and instructed him to prepare a letter. I came back to the Senator's office next day, together with Rudy, and took Dick Cherry a copy of my Form 57 and a copy of some memorandum Louis Martin of the D.N.C. had written the Attorney General regarding me. Senator Yarborough's letter was sent to the Attorney General about September 23, and the Senator received an answer to it on September 30. Sen. Yarborough was nice enough to send me a copy of it. It reads as follows:

"Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough - United States Senate - Washington, D. C.  
Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter recommending Judge Virgilio G. Roel for a legal position in our Civil Rights Division.

I have enclosed a Government Form No. 57 which you may wish to send to Judge Roel for completion and return to us. I assure you that upon receipt of the completed form we will give prompt and careful consideration of his application for employment with our Civil Rights Division.

Sincerely yours, Ernest C. Friesen, Jr., Assistant Deputy Atty. General."

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I have already sent Mr. Friesen my Form 57 and sent Senator Yarborough a copy of my letter to him.

I hope I am not boring you with all these details, but I wanted you to be kept informed of what has been happening.

I believe that there is need to have somebody in the Civil Rights Division of the Attorney General's Office to represent the interest of our country in connection with the Mexican-American sector of the population. I have discussed with Rudy certain matters which I think would be of interest and help if I get a chance to get situated in Washington.

I'll let you rest for now. Please give our regards to your wife and girls. My wife and I often think of them - and you too. Also convey my regards to the nice people in the G I Forum. Best wishes to you. I hope that by now you will be settled in your brand new building.

Very truly yours,

*Virgilio*  
Virgilio G. Roel

P. S.- Please answer Air Mail -8¢. Postage will be refunded upon request.

*Shank*  
*Roel*