April 18, 1957 Mr. Arthur M. Tafoya State Chairman 705 E. Dale St. Colorado Springs, Colo. Dear Arthur: Thank you very much for your letter of April 3rd in which an invitation is extended for the forthcoming convention. It is my intention to be in Lamar, Colorado for the convention. Please send me a 3x5 or larger picture of yourself. A glossy print is prefereable. I want to use it for newspaper publicity during the coming national convention. Please get one of Molly Garvan too. I'll write to her later, but if you see her tell her about it. We plan to choose a national quaen, but no money will be involved. The national queen will be chosen by the State Chairman and an equal number of persons not connected with the GI Forum. The other State queens will certainly be recognized. I was indeed sorry to hear of the death of Alfonso Martinez. I have written to Mr. Guerro as you sug ested. The work you are doing with the GI Forum in Colorado is excellent. I can sincerely say the present State Chairmen throughout the U.S. have been very cooperative with the National Office. I hope it will continue to be even better. Regards to your family and the officers and members of the GI Forum. Sincerely yours, Vicente T. Ximenes Copy to: Dr. Garcia

April 18, 1957 Mr. Robert Hernandez State Breasurer 1209 Allison Newton, Kansas Dear Mr. Hernandez: I was very happy to hear from you and glad that the Forum in Kansas is making great progress. As National Chairman I am of course always happy to hear from the State Officers. I am enclosing a receipt for the charters. I am assuming that the charters have already been issued to the Forums you mentioned in your letter. It is my sincere hope to be with inu in Hutchingson Kansas on June 1 and 2. Keep up the good work and give my regards to the officers and members of the Newton Forum. Sincerely yours. Vicente T. Ximenes National Chairman Copy to: Dr. Garcia