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Mr. Oscar Phillips,
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

I have received your letter of January 9th and was very happy to hear from you. How are things in Victoria? I still recall with pleasure and satisfaction my visit with you.

With regard to our mutual friend, Dr. Garcia, I must admit I do not know the man intimately; however, he is a leader I admire and respect.

Dr. Garcia has done something so few--- oh, so few--- of our professional men dare attempt. He has taken upon himself the task of starting, organizing and guiding an organization that fills a gaping hole or vacuum in our milieu: a Veterans organization that shall channelize the aspirations, hopes, and ambitions of hundreds of thousands of our GIs who are eminently qualified to lead the more hapless members of the community out of the morass of despondency engendered by discrimination and injustice and poverty. And he being a member of a highly conservative profession has not made it easier but rather more difficult and arduous for him. Dr. Garcia has risen above the constricting and binding ties ordinarily pinning down men of lesser mettle than the Doctor.

Please give my warmest personal regards to all my friends and acquaintances in Victoria. If I can be of help do not hesitate to let me know.

Very sincerely,

Henry B. Gonzalez
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P.S. I typed this myself, so please overlook the poor stenography. H.