

May 21, 1965
Raton, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Hector P. Garcia:

My name is David San Roman and wish to ask advice from you. In the past I have tried without success to organize the G.I. Forum, and have been interested in it, so the advice I want is that a very good boy with an outstanding reputation got in some trouble with the police. He was charged with drunkenness-resisting arrest, and other charges. The County-State officers subdued them after using tear gas, of which burned the boy involved, it burned thru his shirt and burned his stomach. I am not implying that he was innocent, but if I had been in his place and was called "Hey, you little Mexican," by an officer, I would also be in jail myself.

What I want to know is, why when a good working boy who has not been in trouble before, and being in trouble for the first time is given such a stiff sentence. He was sentenced to three months for these minor offenses? The reason I write to you is because I still carry your card and I don't know any other person in the G.I. Forum to ask for advice. Here in Raton, there isn't any Spanish Lawyers or advisers and I was wondering if you could find it in your valuable time, and advise me what to do. Also, I am not the only interested person in this case. Lot of poor but respectable citizens Mexicans as well as other nationalities who thought he should of gotten a more lenient sentence. Could you advise me to some person close to Raton? I will close hoping to hear from and am respectfully and an great admirer of yours,

Humbly yours,

David San Roman

PS: Excuse the letter form. Thank you.

I do not wish to be a burden on you but if you deem it necessary and advisable to talk to me call me collect at this number, - 505 (445-3466), after 4:00 o'clock weekdays and 9:00 AM to 4:00 P.M. Saturday.

*Thank You
David San Roman*