



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 11, 1966

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
3024 Morgan Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

It has been called to our attention that you are using, and perhaps disseminating, a charge form suitable for filing with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, at the top of which appears "American G.I. Forum," followed by your name and address, and followed in turn by "Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, D.C. 20506."

We are mindful of and greatly appreciate your work for and in behalf of the G.I. Forum and, in particular, your interest in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. We also applaud your willingness to print and distribute charge forms to your constituency and other interested persons.

We think it is misleading, however, to use the name of this agency on a letterhead of the American G.I. Forum. The juxtaposition suggests some official connection between the Forum and the Commission, and implies that the Forum may be acting as an agent or other representative of the Commission.

One company against whom a complaint was filed has raised this question with us and has objected strenuously to the use of the name of an independent federal governmental agency on the letterhead of a private organization.

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Title 18, United States Code, Section 912 (1964 Ed.) makes it an offense for any person to falsely assume or pretend to be an officer or employee acting under the authority of the United States or any of its departments or agencies. I do not suggest that this section has been violated. The language is close enough, however, to make it a matter which you might want to discuss with your attorney. In any event, I hope, for the reasons indicated above, that you will see fit to discontinue circulation of the charge form which bears the name of both the G.I. Forum and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles T. Duncan".

Charles T. Duncan
General Counsel