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Dr. Hector Garcia  
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am writing to ask your assistance concerning the proposal to establish a state Human Relations Commission.

I have been studying the problem of discrimination in Texas, and have found that there is evidence that, surprisingly, some anti-discrimination activities, such as would be performed by a Human Relations Commission, would not be entirely new to Texas State Government. The Good Neighbor Commission, for example, especially in its early years, if my information is correct, apparently intervened in some instances to protect the civil rights of Mexican-Americans. My sources are the Commissions Annual Report 1960-61, and correspondence dated November 18, 1965, from Tom Sutherland to Ronnie Dugger.

As a matter of strategy, my reasoning is to attempt to develop some past official recognition of the abuses that have prevailed for these many years.

I had looked forward to seeing you at the dinner for Secretary Barrera, but unfortunately at the last moment I was unable to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Tarlton Farenthold

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