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Dear Hector.

We are certainly happy that your are feeling much better and are your old self again. Frankly, I was very much worried and prayed for your early recovery.

Ed did a lot of good for me while I was in San Antonio. The medication he prescribed makes it possible for me to get rest although the pain still exists. I can live with it and perhaps after a time it will go away.

Please keep pushing the presentation of the honorary membership of President Truman. Also try to get Walter Reuther to come and be the main speaker at the National I feel we can have one of the greatest gatherings in the history of the GI Forum, so don't hesitate in so far as providing an audience worthy of the most important personage in the United States.

The situation is ripe to have someone like President Trummn, Walterk Reuther, Senator Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, Secretary of Labor Mitchell (he's going to be the nominee for Republican Vice President, it seems), or After these comes such people as Senator Wayne Morse. Carroll from Colorado. Let me tell you that Senator Carroll is the best Briend we have in the U. S. S. nate. While I was in Washington he was the one person that indicated to me that he has principle and believes in democracy and justice for all of our people.

The trip to Washington was ax great success and well worth the expense, although I paid most of my expenses and had the $\overline{G^{ ext{I}}}$ Forum treasurer pay for one way airplane fare, the hotel, and part of my meals.

Silver City has just been organized with an initial membership of 30 members. The next New Mexico Board meeting will be in Silver City. The Board meeting last Sunday had an attendance of 100 persons in Tularosa. Louis Tellez and Jasso are doing a tremendous job.

Dolores sends herm love to James. However, I an't keep Jasso out of the National Office and David Salazar the New Mexico treasurer is in the running But they will all have to get on the ball because I see a student from the U is dating her in spite of all this.