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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. :

Enclosed is a copy of the Washington Post story concerning your visit with the President and a subsequent story which indicates that your trip is already beginning to bear some fruit.

It was a pleasure for me to meet you once again, even though we did not have much time to talk. I look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eduardo Peña, Jr.".

Eduardo Pena, Jr.

Enclosures

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Talk Planned To Aid U.S. Mexicans

Los Angeles Times

A White House conference may be held this fall on the problems of the Mexican-American minority in the United States, it was learned yesterday.

President Johnson made an offer to sponsor such a meeting when he met privately at the White House Thursday with five Mexican-American leaders.

Among the problems they discussed were discrimination, poverty, unemployment and substandard education. The five leaders stressed the need for job training and better schools to qualify Mexican-Americans for better employment than many now can obtain. They also said that their problems are considerably different from that faced by Negroes because the major barrier is language rather than color.

Those who took part in Thursday's session were Augustine Flores of Riverside, Calif., president of the GI Forum; Alfred Hernandez, Houston, Tex., president of the League of United Latin American Citizens; Roy Elizondo of Houston, president of the Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations; Bert Corona of Oakland, Calif., acting president of the Mexican-American Political Association, and Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of the GI forum.

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Paris H-Device Puzzling to U.S.

These footnotes to the news have been gathered by reporters of The Washington Post.

American officials have no idea of what kind of hydrogen device the French plan to detonate in the Pacific Ocean shortly. The best guess seems to be that it will not be a hydrogen bomb, but rather an atomic device containing

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thermonuclear material in the mysterious manner of most recent Chinese blast. And like the Chinese nuclear tests in the air, U.S. atomic detectives will have to scoop up bits and pieces of French atomic debris to learn just what it is the French weapon scientists have concocted.

Male Is Acceptable to AEC

After a fruitless, months-long hunt for a woman to fill the vacant fifth-commissioner post at the Atomic Energy Commission, the word has been passed reluctantly from the White House that a male will be acceptable. It is understood, however, that preference for a new male commissioner will be given to a Mexican American or a Negro, be he scientist, lawyer or industrialist.