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March 6, 1967

Honorable Joseph Montoya
U. S. Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Montoya:

Mr. Tom Robles has made us aware of the fact that you are supporting him for Commissioner to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. We do not disagree with Mr. Robles, but we adhere to the philosophy that we need more individuals on the top jobs. We believe that Mr. Robles is doing a good job in his present position.

We, in the American GI Forum, are supporting Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes for the position of Commissioner to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and have been since the position was opened.

You will recall meeting with Vicente Ximenes, Duven Lujan, Procopio Martinez and myself, during the 1963 National Convention in Chicago, wherein you asked for our support in your race for U. S. Senator, and we gladly pledged it to you. Later in our 1965 National Convention, in Kansas, you publicly thanked us and gave us credit for your election.

At this time, we would greatly appreciate your support on behalf of Vicente T. Ximenes to the above mentioned position.

Receive my best personal regards.

Respectfully yours,

Alfonso Proo
State Vice-Chairman
American GI Forum of New Mexico

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March 6, 1967

Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you of our view in regard to the contemplated appointment to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

We understand that Mr. Dick Pino is being favorably considered by you, but as you well know, we have always supported you, even during the past election, and have rarely asked any special favors from you. In this respect, we don't believe that Mr. Pino, by past history, has ever been concerned with the problems this commission will administer.

We believe that you also have a very good friend, Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes, who does understand these problems and is acceptable to the people. He will not only represent New Mexico, but the entire southwest.

We also believe that in these matters, and especially to the Democratic Party, Mr. Ximenes will not encounter any reasonable opposition, which would be quite the opposite with an unknown, such as Mr. Pino.

As you well know, Mr. Ximenes is respected by all segments of our complex society in New Mexico and we sincerely believe that he will be a credit to you, the nation, and to the Democratic Party.

Sincerely yours,

Duven Lujan
Legislative Advisor
American GI Forum of New Mexico

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