

MAY 20, 1961

MR. ED ROYBAL
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DEAR MR. ROYBAL:

I HAD A TELEPHONE CALL THE OTHER NIGHT FROM ATTORNEY HECTOR MORENO FROM CALIFORNIA. HE CAUGHT ME UNAWARE AND HE SURPRISED ME WHEN HE ASKED ME ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA. I TRIED TO TELL HIM THAT I HADN'T DONE ANYTHING AND I WAS NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL I RECEIVED THE CONSTITUTION THAT WE ADOPTED IN PHOENIX.

AS TO THE SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA, HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MY GIVING A CHARTER OR MEMBERSHIP TO SOMEONE IN SAN DIEGO. I TOLD HIM THAT ALTHOUGH I HAD THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND CHARTERS, TO GROUPS IN CALIFORNIA, OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES, I HAD NOT DONE SO. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD THOSE INSTRUCTIONS BUT I HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MATERIAL INFORMATION FROM OUR MEETING IN PHOENIX. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONVEY TO HIM THIS INFORMATION.

THEY ALSO ASKED ME ABOUT THE SITUATION ON THE NEXT MEETING WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION. I TOLD THEM THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN MY OPINION WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION BUT THAT REPRESENTATION WOULD EVENTUALLY BE LIMITED TO LOCAL DELEGATES FROM LOCAL MEMBERS.

THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MY FIGHTING THEM. I AM NOT OUT TO FIGHT ANYONE AND I WISH THAT IT WERE POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD SOLVE ALL OUR DIFFERENCES. I WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED THAT CALIFORNIA MAPA DID NOT ASSOCIATE OR RATHER DID NOT BECOME ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, EVEN KEEPING THE NAME OF MAPA. I WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED IN THIS AND I THOUGHT THAT MAPA WOULD COME OVER. I STILL THINK THAT IT CAN BE DONE.

I AM MERELY TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH MY PAST WORK AND I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE DONE. THE REASON WHY WE MOVED THE MEETING FROM LOS ANGELES TO ALBUQUERQUE, WAS BECAUSE WE FIGURED THAT AT THAT TIME, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND ARIZONA WERE DEFINITELY IN THE BAG. WE WOULD LIKE AT OUR NEXT MEETING TO PULL IN COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, UTAH, AND OTHER NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN STATES.

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I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO MR. MORENO AND ALSO TO MR. ANDY BARRIGAN, THAT I HAVE NO HARD FEELINGS TOWARD ANYONE. INFAC, WHAT SURPRISED ME IS THAT THEY CALLED ME AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVERSATION THAT THEY TOLD ME THAT THE STATE MAPA ORGANIZATION OF CALIFORNIA DECIDED NOT TO AFFILIATE WITH US AND WHAT WAS I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT. I TOLD THEM THAT I DIDN'T KNOW, THAT IT WAS SURPRISING TO ME THAT I WOULD HAVE TO THINK IT OVER AND THAT CERTAINLY I STILL HOPE THAT WE CAN ARRANGE THINGS. I THINK THAT OUR UNITY AND OUR STRENGTH LIES ON A NATIONAL GROUP.

I CAN'T SEE, FOR INSTANCE WHY MAPA OF CALIFORNIA CANNOT OPEN THEIR DOORS TO OTHER MEMBERS. I THINK THIS IS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM AND I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

AT OUR CONVENTION IN PHOENIX, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD NOT CHARTER ANY MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES AND WE WOULD NOT GIVE ANY MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA UNTIL YOU PEOPLE HAD YOUR CONVENTION. HOWEVER, I WAS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CHARTERS AND MEMBERSHIP CARD OUT OF LOS ANGELES AREA. THIS I HAVE NOT DONE AS YET.

KEEP ME POSTED AND LET ME HEAR FROM YOU AND PLEASE LET US SOLVE ALL OUR DIFFERENCES. GIVE MY REGARDS TO YOUR FAMILY. LETS KEEP WORKING TOGETHER FOR UNITY.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

HPG/EB:

CC: TONY TINAJERO
ANDY BARRIGAN
PASO NATIONAL OFFICERS

P.S. PLEASE TELL THOSE FELLOWS THAT I AM NOT TRYING TO FIGHT ANYONE AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO FIGHT US OR ME EITHER. I SAY EVEN IF WE DO NOT AFFILIATE AND ASSOCIATE WITH EACH OTHER, THERE IS NO SENSE WHERE THERE SHOULD BE ANY HARD FEELINGS. I STILL THINK THAT WE CAN DO THE WHOLE THING AND PERHAPS AT THE NEXT MEETING WE CAN ALL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT.