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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, M.D. American G.I. Forum of the U.S. 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. García:

I have protested, months ago and again recently, to the U.S. Department of Justice (as well as to HEW) about the segregation of "Latin American" children in schools and/or classes in Texas. Lastly, I have protested to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (through Senators Yarborough and Tower). On June 7, 1968 a letter was written to me by the Assistant General Counsel (Mr. Lawrence B. Glick) of that commission that they were bringing my complaints to the attention of Justice and HEW.

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I have repeatedly called this matter to the attention of Dr. Edgar and to the State Board of Education. The result? Mr. R. W. Byram of the Board has instructed Dr. Edgar that I am not the right kind of person, and not to communicate with me! And Byram had the brass to send me a carbon of the letter!! If you want, I'll send you photo-copies of the correspondence.

Doctor, we don't have to put up with this bull manure. In the Legislature let us demand hearings when the appropriations bill for the TEA (and Board) come up. Also, raise hell with our representatives in the Legislature and in Congress.

By the way, "Head Start" is a segregated operation in most places in Central and South Texas.

We have a potential of one million "Mexican" votes in Texas alone. Let us apply that power. What I did in New Mexico in politics - and education in the 20's and 30's we can do here. Don't ask them. <u>Tell</u> <u>them</u>! I'll join you on the stump, platform, or soap box. I am fed up with the "run around."

Cordially, George I. Sánchez

Professor of Latin American Education Mexican American Joint Conference Chairman

P.S. Don't overlook the damage done to our people through the "Green Card" operation.