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Hector Garcia, M. D.
American G.I. Forum
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Did you know that diabetes is one of the leading causes of death by disease in the United States? Of the nearly 11 million Americans who have diabetes, about 40% **DO NOT KNOW** they have it. And... about 300,000 of all Texans with diabetes are Mexican Americans. Mexican Americans suffer from diabetes at a 300% higher rate and Blacks a 33% higher rate, than does the rest of America.

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we would like you to be our guest for lunch on Monday, September 25, 1989 at 12:00 noon. This luncheon will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd., in the Nueces Ballroom, Salon B, and will kickoff an educational campaign aimed at informing our community about the risks of developing diabetes.

The public sector is our only means of providing the necessary education to fight this deadly disease. We hope you will be able to lend your support and attend this very special luncheon.

Please call either the American Diabetes Association office, 512/697-0854 or the Corpus Christi Nueces County Health Department, 851-7200, to make your reservation by Wednesday, September 20th, so that confirmation can be made with the hotel.

Your attendance and support of our efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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