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Community Relations Service

Director

Washington, D.C. 20530

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

The issue of civil rights has been a concern to almost every person in our nation. Through your involvement and expertise in this area, you have been recognized and acknowledged as a leader among our colleagues in the historical account of the Civil Rights movement.

This year the Community Relations Service (CRS), created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, will reach the twenty-fifth year milestone. I am honored and proud to be the first woman entrusted with implementing the congressional mandate with which CRS was charged 25 years ago, and to be a part of a team that has made major contributions to the advancement of Civil Rights. The silver anniversary of the agency offers an excellent opportunity for reflection, assessment, forward-thinking and celebration. CRS is beginning to make plans to celebrate our twenty-fifth year of service to the nation. Our plans include a banquet and gala to be held in conjunction with our National Staff Conference, June 26 through June 29, 1989.

I would like at this time, to invite you not only as a civil rights leader, but also as a fellow Texan, to participate with us during our celebration. We plan to recognize all former Directors at our major event to be held the evening of Thursday, June 29, 1989. Your participation will be a valuable contribution to the national concerted efforts of CRS.

I look forward to have you join us and making a few remarks at our 25th anniversary celebration beginning with a reception at 6:30 at the Crystal City Marriot.

If you can find it possible to accept my invitation, please contact my special assistants Lynn McKenzie at (301) 492-5955 or Judy Kutsher at (301) 492-5939. They will inform you of the time and type of remarks we would like you to present.

Sincerely,


Grace Flores Hughes