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Dear Hector:

I plan to visit my mother during the Thanksgiving holidays. As you know she is getting quite old, but gets around real well. If we decide to stay in Floresville I will give you a call from there and perhaps even drive on up to Corpus for a couple of hours. It all depends on how my mother is doing, so do not make any plans as I may not be able to make the trip to Corpus.

I've turned over the local GI Forum to Zeke Duran to run. I've held it together with the help of many people and it is in good shape as an organization and financially too. Our club and facilities is worth about 300,000 dollars and we owe only \$6,500 on the place. The GI Forum is respected in Albuquerque and New Mexico and finally beginning to grow.

With the election of Toney Anaya we will have more clout at the State Capitol and in Washington. I see by the Texas returns that you did very well in Texas and you now have a Mexican U.S. representative from Corpus.

Hope everything goes well with you.

Tu Amigo

Vicente

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Dear Hector:

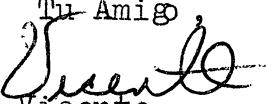
I received the book The American G.I. Forum: Origins and Evolution and your autograph. Thanks very much. It seems that we now have a documented story from the point of view of an outsider who did some excellent research. I have sent for additional copies. They can be used in schools and universities.

We are doing quite well with Governor Anaya. We recommended four GI Forum members to Anaya's cabinet and got two: Juan Vigil and Dan Lopez. Pete Jimenez was one of the finalists for Veterans Service Executive Director and lost out to a Congressional Medal winner by name of Rocco.

There is a big drive to get Governor Anaya out front as the political leader of the Hispanic people in the U.S. He has made public pronouncements that he intends to do that. He is looking to the Democratic Convention to muster Hispanic delegates for the nomination. Polly Baca who is now with the Democratic National Committee is heading the drive to get Hispanic delegates to the Convention. She was in Albuquerque about a month ago and got a few of us together to mount the effort.

We are doing fine in New Mexico, but Zeke Duran and Pete need to mount a membership drive to get us back into a reasonable number of members. The system we have now for maintaining members is utter chaos. Every year we have to go back to the same members to get them to sign again, when all we should have to do is send them a bill for dues.

Please give my regards to Rosa Anna and your staff and GI Forum members.

Th Amigo

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