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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

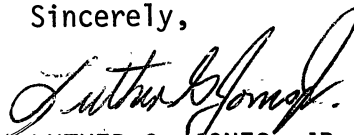
I have received and am humbly grateful for the thoughts expressed in your letter of 21 September and the Equal Employment Opportunity Award.

Mrs. Jones and I will be present at the Award Ceremony. Unfortunately, our family is scattered from California to Maryland and will not be able to attend. I must admit that I feel somewhat uncomfortable in being so honored for attempting to carry out a program which is my sworn responsibility as an Army officer to do.

ARADMAC has established an enviable reputation throughout the Department of Defense in its ten years of existence for its ability to produce first class aviation material primarily for the Army, but also for the Air Force and the Navy. A most important part of the reputation of this organization is the contribution made by our employees of Mexican-American lineage. Providing equal employment opportunity is not only our moral responsibility, but it also makes good economic sense.

While we appreciate the honor that you are paying to me and to the Army, I must say that we do not consider that the job is done and that a great deal more remains to be accomplished. We intend to apply to the best of our ability the spirit and the intent of the President's instructions on EEO and all of the directives of the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command, and the Commanding General of the Army Aviation Systems Command.

Sincerely,


LUTHER G. JONES, JR.
Colonel, TC
Commanding