

SEPTEMBER 22, 1966

HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON:

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF MEXICAN AMERICANS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT. OUR PROBLEMS AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE BEING IGNORED OR BEING NEGLECTED, BY THAT DEPARTMENT.

MEXICAN AMERICAN THROUGHOUT THE U.S. FEEL THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS NOT TREATING OUR PROBLEMS WITH INTENT TO SEEK SOLUTION AND NEITHER IS YOUR ADMINISTRATION APPOINTING MEXICAN AMERICANS TO HIGH POSITIONS.

WE ARE GREATLY DISPLEASED AT THE UNUSUAL AND SUSPICIOUS APPROACH TO THE VACANCIES IN THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION. WE FEEL THAT WE WERE TREATED WITHOUT RESPECT OR DIGNITY.

THE PROBLEMS OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN WILL MULTIPLY AND BECOME MORE DEMANDING UNLESS WE HAVE MEXICAN AMERICANS IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEMS AND WILL LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS AND WILL BE HEARD BY YOU.

THE FEELING, NATIONALLY, IS THAT WE ARE BEING IGNORED AND TREATED POORLY BY YOUR ADMINISTRATION. THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE FOR MEXICAN AMERICANS WHICH WAS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST, NOW IS PURPOSELY PUSHED UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH A CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER, WE WANT ONE NOW.

I PERSONALLY FELT INSULTED THAT I WAS CALLED TO SUGGEST A MEXICAN AMERICAN REPUBLICAN FOR A VACANCY WHICH IN OUR WAY OF THINKING WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE FILLED BY A MEXICAN AMERICAN AT ALL. THIS REQUEST IS AS CHILDREN AS IF WE WERE TO ASK OUR PRESIDENTIAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE TO CHOOSE A REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENT TO KEEP EVERYONE HAPPY.

AT TIMES I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU ADVISING YOU THAT THE SITUATION IS BECOMING MORE TENSE. TODAY THE ADMINISTRATION IS LOSING MANY MEXICAN AMERICAN LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND SPECIALLY TEXAS. UNLESS SOME POSITIVE

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ACTION IS TAKEN NOW I AM SORRY IN HAVING TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE THE SOLID BACKING OF THE MEXICANS THAT IT HAS HAD IN THE PAST.

I AM YOUR FRIEND AND ADMIRER BUT AT THE SAME TIME I MUST INFORM YOU ON FACTS THAT ARE TRUE AND THE TRUTH MAY NOT BE PLEASING, BUT THEN UNLESS WE KNOW THE TRUE FACTS HOW ARE WE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS.

IF I CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I REMAIN

YOUR FRIEND AS EVER,

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA