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Mr. Ed Hart, Publisher
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Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Hart:

By virtually every available social index, every measure of economic and social well being, -- income, employment opportunity, education, housing, etc., Mexican Americans in this Country continue to be the most poverty stricken and disadvantaged group next to our close cousin, the American Indian. Moreover, the fact that there exists institutionalized discrimination against these two groups is this Nation's best-kept secret.

It is estimated that there are 15 million Spanish-speaking citizens in this Country, descendants of the Spanish who landed at Vera Cruz in 1519 and settled in Florida and Santa Fe by 1540, and the Archaics, who became the American Indian and who, by 4000 B.C. had learned to raise corn and were craftsmen in what is now New Mexico. We have been categorized as the "silent minority", however, we have now served notice that the "siesta is over!". All across these United States, where we have been strangers in our own land for 400 years, we will advise the predominant community that we want a piece of the American dream, too.

As a social critic and writer, I have developed a series of profiles on individuals from these two groups, who in spite of all the obstacles, have made positive contributions to society as a whole. These individuals have not been recognized outside of their own communities. This is an opportunity to correct the record and at the same time to help establish the first syndicated Mexican American columnist. The series will include distinguished lawyers, jurists, inventors, scientists, entertainers, U. S. Senators and Congressmen, sports figures, artists, etc. The series should be run on a weekly basis, preferably on the week end. The cost of the series is \$10.00 per item.

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Enclosed is a sample of the series as well as an autobiographical sketch for your information and evaluation.

I will appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jose Andres Chacon

Enclosures:
As stated