

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1983

Dear Senator Tower:

The President has asked me to thank you for your May 27 letter strongly recommending that Dr. Hector P. Garcia be considered to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

President Reagan greatly appreciated hearing from you on this matter, and you may be assured that your comments have been brought to the attention of his advisory staff. I am sure your interest will be afforded every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken D.", written in a cursive style.

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable John Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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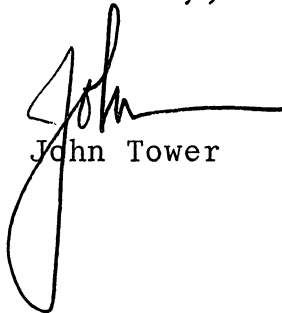
Dear Hector:

With the thought that you might find it to be of interest, I am enclosing the letter I have received from the White House in response to my recommendation in your behalf for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I will be in further contact with you at such time as I may receive additional information in this regard.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



John Tower

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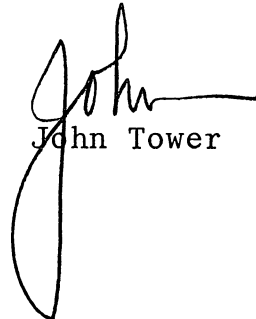
Dear Hector:

It has come to my attention that you have been nominated to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this most prestigious honor, and I am enclosing a copy of my recommendation to the President in your behalf.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



John Tower

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May 27, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Dr. Hector P. Garcia as recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

I have known Dr. Garcia for many years and have the highest regard for him and his many accomplishments. He is respected by all who know him as a distinguished physician, military officer, and humanitarian.

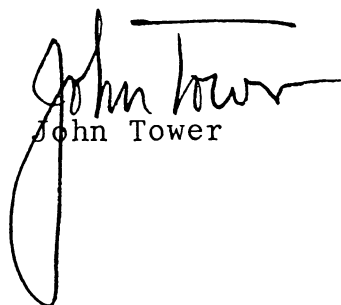
Dr. Garcia has served several previous Administrations as an advisor and presidential representative in various capacities. He was a respected Ambassador to the United Nations and has worked nationally and internationally toward the cause of human freedom and justice.

As founder of the American GI Forum and former Civil Rights Commissioner, he has been instrumental in promoting the contributions of Mexican Americans.

It is my opinion that Dr. Hector Garcia possesses the qualities and record of service exemplifying the ideals expressed by the Medal of Freedom Award.

I would appreciate your most serious consideration of him for this prestigious honor.

Sincerely,


John Tower

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