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PMS PRESIDENT FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE U.S., WASHINGTON
DC FORUM WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES ON YOUR ASCENDENCY
TO THE PRESIDENCY. AS PRESIDENT WE MOST URGENTLY REQUEST THAT
YOU APPOINT A SPANISH SURNAMED AMERICAN TO POLICY MAKING POSITION
WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET. SUCH AN APPOINTMENT IS ESSENTIAL
TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STATUS OF OUR LONG NEGLECTED
SPANISH SURNAMED AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS POSITION WILL BE FILLED WITHIN THE
VERY NEAR FUTURE. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

AMERICAN GI FORUM WASHINGTON DC

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WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

August 31, 1976

GENERAL
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Dear Mr. Magana:

Thank you for your thoughtful message following my nomination.

Our record over the past two years is a positive one, and I am proud of it. Our Nation has made steady progress toward prosperity, peace and public trust. America today is sound and secure, confident of full economic recovery and of a better life for all our citizens.

Our challenge is to build on this record of achievement. Your generous comments were much appreciated. I will need your support as well to insure success in November and continued progress for the American people in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Jesse Magana
Chairman
American G. I. Forum of Kansas
Rural Route 1
Kanopolis, Kansas 67454

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

2:00 p.m.

EVENT: Denver Convention of American GI Forum

DATE: July 30, 1976

PURPOSE: Presidential participation has been arranged at RNHA Washington meeting. A tape for the American GI Forum would placate Hispanics attending the conflicting Denver meeting, add prestige to their proceedings and cement support of the Administration.

BACKGROUND: You were already scheduled for appearance at RNHA Washington, D.C. function -- making your participation in Denver convention impossible. Enmity and jealousy resulted when these two major Hispanic events were scheduled the same day. Both requested your participation, and this taping will help satisfy the American GI Forum.





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July 23, 1976

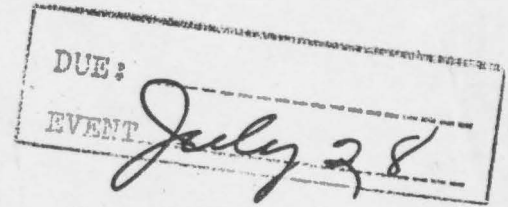
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Miss Eliska Hasek
Director
Office of Presidential Messages
The White House



In response to your referral of July 21, 1976, I am happy to enclose a draft message from the President for the 27th Annual National - American GI Forum Convention being held in Denver, Colorado, July 28 through August 1, 1976.

Richard W. Vaughn

Deputy Administrator - in the absence of
RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH
Administrator

Enclosure



*E.H.: On BAA log
Jan 7/23*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 15, 1976

Dear Mr. Barela:

This is with reference to my letter of November 5 to you in acknowledging your invitation to the President to attend the Twenty-Seventh Annual National-American GI Forum Convention at the Regency Inn Hotel, Denver on July 28 through August 1.

We have carried your invitation forward for careful consideration but, as the President's schedule for late July and early August has now developed, it is clear he will not be able to attend the Convention.

With his regrets that he cannot be with you, the President has asked that I again express his appreciation for your thoughtfulness of him and that I convey to you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

William W. Nicholson
Director
Scheduling Office



Mr. Robert U. Barela
2064 South Moore Court
Lakewood, Colorado 80227

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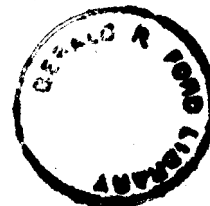
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EXECUTIVE

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June 18, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS

FROM: TED MARRS

Following are the principal Hispanic meetings for the next several weeks. Recommend sending Oaxaca to speak to them or Ben X Fernandez or some other supportive Mexican American.

X LULAC	Galveston	6/28-30
X American GI Forum	Denver	7/28-31

CC: D. Cheney
J. Marsh
B. Baroody

TCM:mcp

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April 30, 1976

April 23, 1976

GENERAL

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American GI Forum

Dear Manny:

Thank you for your April 23 letter to the President endorsing the invitation extended to him to attend the 1976 National GI Forum Convention in Denver, Colorado, during the last week of July.

The Scheduling Office has advised me it is too early to finalize the President's schedule for that time period, but the invitation has been carried forward for most careful consideration closer to the date.

I am certain the President will appreciate knowing of your strong support for this invitation. I shall also make certain that your letter is shared with the appropriate members of the staff, and that you hear further when a decision has been made. National GI Forum Convention in Colorado during the last week of July.

With kindest regards,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support of the invitation and to ask that you give it every possible consideration. As you know, the American GI Forum of the United States is the National Veterans Family Organization and in many ways looks at the family as a whole rather than just the needs and problems of the veteran.

Charles Leppert, Jr.
Deputy Assistant
to the President

I believe that your attendance would be a highlight of the convention and I sincerely hope that you will be able to respond favorably.

The Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Best regards

bcc: w/inc. to Bill Nicholson for appropriate handling
bcc: w/inc. to Nancy Kennedy FYI

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August 27, 1975

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GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Herrera:

Thank you for your letter in reference to
the matter involving the Pueblo Army Depot.

I have referred your letter to the Department
of Defense for their consideration. I will be
in touch with you as soon as I hear further
from the Department.

Tom, please refer to the attached which refers to the Pueblo Army
Depot. I would be glad to provide you with the infor-
mation in order that I can respond to the writers.

Sincerely,

Many thanks,

Attachment

John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President



Mr. Charles L. Herrera
Chairman
American GI Forum
Pueblo Chapter
2129 Elmwood Lane
Pueblo, Colorado 81005

cc: Tom Latimer, Department of Defense

March 23, 1976

Dear Tony:

I am pleased to share the attached White House press release on Sam Martinez, recently nominated by President Ford to succeed Burt Gallegos as Director of the Community Services Administration.

I have also enclosed a copy of a White House release on the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity which includes four distinguished members of our community. I am pleased to report the President's designation of one of those Hispanic American appointees, Mr. Fernando Penasas, as Chairman of the Council.

I believe that these latest announcements coupled with the recent appointments of Ricardo Nunez of Miami, Luis Terrazas of San Antonio and Tomas Arciniega of San Diego and the promotion of Gil Pompa at the Department of Justice signal an era of Hispanic appointments that we have been anxiously awaiting. These appointments would not have been possible, however, without your leadership and assistance and the support of your dynamic organization.

You may rest assured that the days ahead will bring even more pleasing news to our community and to the nation as the talents of Spanish Speaking Americans are recognized and rewarded by a grateful and committed President.

With my very best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Fernando E. C. De Baca
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Antonio Morales
National Chairman
~~American GI Forum~~
1008 Macon Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102



GENERAL

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December 4, 1975

Dear Tony:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of Under Secretary Robert Aders' letter to the G. I. Forum. This letter was prepared in response to the G. I. Forum Resolution which I forwarded to the Department of Labor for their follow up.

Saludos.

Atentamente,

Fernando E. C. De Baca
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Antonio G. Morales
National Chairman
x American G. I. Forum
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December 3, 1975

Dear Tony:

I am taking this opportunity to call something to your attention which I consider potentially serious and counterproductive for the G. I. Forum and my office.

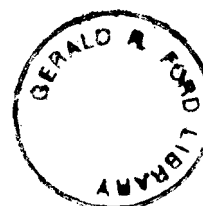
On at least three recent occasions (i. e., letter and meeting with VA Administrator Roudebush; telegram to Attorney General; and attached complaint from Pedro Jimenez) this office has been completely by-passed by the Forum on important national issues affecting Spanish speaking people. As you are aware, the letters which you and other Forum officials write eventually land on my desk for action--but only after extensive routing and delays.

I believe it would behoove us both and would greatly benefit the G. I. Forum and the people we have been entrusted to represent if we could share timely information copies of significant correspondence with one another.

In return for the cooperation of your state chairmen and the National Office, I will see that you are kept fully informed on progress being made on problems affecting our people. I make this suggestion not only in my capacity as a member of the President's staff but as a brother Forumeer of many years.

Mil gracias.

Tu amigo,



Fernando E. C. De Baca
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Antonio Morales
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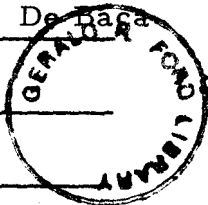
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