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Veterans of Foreign Wars
4302 Ayers Street
Corpus Christi, Texas

Gentlemen:

We have formed an independent Veterans' Organization named "American G.I. Forum", made up of five-hundred veterans from Corpus Christi, Robstown, Rockport, Kingsville, Orange Grove, and Alice.

If your organization is really interested in the welfare of the individual Veteran and it should be, it is time we were getting together and forming a committee of all the Veteran Organizations in town to discuss Veterans' problems.

It grieves me deeply to have to say that your Organization which holds power of attorney for some of the disabled "American G.I. Forum" Veterans has failed miserably in assisting them with their pensions in any way.

May I remind you that this power of attorney was voted to you by Congress and you should consider it as a "sacred trust" in serving the Veterans. Of the five-hundred Veterans that I represent, more than 95 % of the pension cases have received no help from anyone holding their power of attorney.

There is no Veteran's Hospital in this vicinity or division of South Texas. There is no Veteran's Administration Doctor here. There is no question that there is inadequacy of hospital facilities.

The "North Side School" for beginning Veterans has very few degree teachers. We believe that the Veterans, especially those beginning school should have all degree teachers. Some of their subsistence checks have been held up for as long as five months, creating unnecessary hardships and suffering not only for the Veterans, but also their family, especially children. The Veteran's plight is critical and serious and I believe we should get together and help them out with their problems. It is my opinion that the local Veteran's Organization and the Red Cross do not realize the seriousness of the situation; otherwise they would not be so indifferent. Please let

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know if you are willing to meet with me personally so that I may present you with valuable information about all of the Veterans.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
President