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President Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It was a real privilege and an extraordinary honor for us that our club's President, Howard W. Schmidt, was granted an interview with you and President Lopez Mateos at Ciudad Acuña, Mexico.

We have been striving as hard as our meager resources and abilities can carry us to promote our "PROJECT GOOD NEIGHBORS", a People-to-People Program of Mexican-American Friendship. We must confess that since we had been given no hopes whatever of being granted an interview with you, we did not prepare a brochure as complete and factual as we presented to President Lopez Mateos.

It is our belief that if a people-to-people program had been started some time back with Cuba, Dr. Castro would never have been successful in arousing the resentment of the Cubans against his next door neighbors. While we feel that relations between the United States and Mexico are at an all time high, we are taking no chances in letting them deteriorate if we can help it and we shall continue working at our top capacity to improve them even more.

We are pleased to enclose some newspaper clippings which may be very revealing to you. We would like to state that our Lubbock delegates were stopped many times on the streets of Ciudad Acuña by very important persons and also by very humble ones; they all told us that they were deeply touched by and thanked us for our efforts in behalf of the poor, long neglected Mexican farm workers (Braceros). There are endless possibilities on how to improve Mexican-American friendship on a people-to-people basis and we sincerely hope that this idea can be pursued further on a larger scale.

With warmest and kindest wishes for your continued good health, we are as always,

Most appreciatively yours,

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