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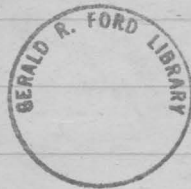
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June 4th Dep for Albany, give commencement address.

June 5-6 Comp Time

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5/28-5/30 Crystal City
5/30-5/1 El Paso, Tex and Las Cruces, NM

6/2-6/3 Comp Time

6/4 Albany Commencement Address

6/5-6/6 Comp Time

6/8 Return to Washington, D.C.

Speaker
(LWAC
Convention)

April 24, 1975

Dear Mr. Cantu:

29th
Thank you for your formal invitation to the historical event in Crystal City on May 30, 1975. I am indeed honored to accept your invitation to be the main speaker for the evening.

The outline of the program in your letter of March 14 is certainly one of great promise of a marvelous event for Crystal City citizens and fortunate visitors, and I am happy that I shall be a participant.

Let me hear from you as to your ideas of a specific topic, what time is to be allowed for my speech; and I should be grateful to have whatever background material on Crystal City you think will be helpful to me.

Sinceramente,

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

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Mr. Amancio L. Cantu
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5/28-30 Crystal City
5-30-6/1 El Paso and Las Cruces, N. M.
6/2-6/3 Comp time
6/4 Albuquerque Commencement Address
6/5-6/6 Comp time
6/9 return Washington, D. C.



June 23, 1975

Dear Mr. Cantu:

Allow me to take this opportunity to again express my regrets for not being able to attend your most memorable graduation ceremonies.

Gilbert Chavez was so enthusiastic and excited about the work now going on in Crystal City that he insisted that I accompany him on a return visit to your area in the early Fall.

I look forward to visiting with you and your colleagues and will contact you as the time draws nearer for our visit.

Con todo respeto,

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

Dr. Amancio L. Cantu
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Crystal City Independent
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Crystal City, Texas 78839

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May 22, 1975

MR. AMANCIO CANTU
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
CRYSTAL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
805 EAST CROCKETT STREET
CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS 78839
TELEPHONE: (512) 374-2353

DEAR MR. CANTU:

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, I REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU AS I HAD HOPED ON MAY 29TH FOR THE CRYSTAL CITY GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT I ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS VISIT TO SPAIN AND THAT I ASSIST HIM WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THIS HISTORIC VISIT LATER THIS MONTH.

I HAVE ASKED GILBERT CHAVEZ OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING HIM GO IN MY STEAD. I ASSURE YOU THAT UPON MY RETURN I WILL CONTACT YOU TO ARRANGE FOR A VISIT TO CRYSTAL CITY AND WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND YOUR STAFF.

PLEASE CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOUR DESERVING GRADUATES AND EXTEND THE PRESIDENT'S BEST WISHES FOR A RICH AND REWARDING FUTURE. PARA TODOS UN FUERTE ABRAZO.

SINCERAMENTE,

FERNANDO E. C. DE BACA
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

F. De Baca



4/23 Please accept.
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CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS 78839

March 14, 1975

Fernando De Baca
Special Assistant to the President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. De Baca:

May 30, 1975 will be a very special day in Crystal City. At eight o'clock that evening five different groups of people will be involved in a very unique but historic and symbolic graduation ceremony. A little over one hundred (100) high school seniors will receive their diplomas, a group of adult members of the community (perhaps the seniors' older brothers, sisters, parents or relatives) will receive their G.E.D. (General Equivalency Diplomas), approximately twenty-nine (29) participants of our C.O.P. (Career Opportunities Program) will receive their Bachelor of Arts or Science degrees, approximately thirty-five (35) participants of our Urban/Rural Program will receive Master of Arts degrees, and seventeen (17) Chicano Carnegie Administrative Internship Program participants will receive their Master of Arts degree certified in public school administration (superintendent's certificate).

This historical event will feature mariachi music instead of the traditional and school band and stage band music. A group from Stanford University has expressed a deep interest in filming the event to be included in a documentary they are doing on Crystal.

We are inviting two or three local, state, and out-of-state speakers to address the groups. However, we want our main speaker for the evening to be a Chicano who is occupying the highest post in our government. I am, therefore, asking you to be that main speaker. It would indeed be a great honor to our community if you should decide to accept our invitation.

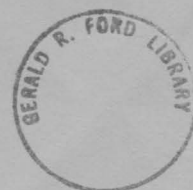
Please write or call me at 512/374-2353 to let me know.

Sinceramente,

Amancio L. Cantú

Amancio L. Cantú
Superintendent of Schools

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Estimated Guests and Participants
of Crystal City's Historic and
Symbolic Ceremony of May 30, 1975:

Since I received Superintendent Amacio L. Cantu's invitation of March 14, 1975 to be your main speaker, I had been looking forward with a great deal of pride and pleasure to this occasion. I enjoyed this fine feeling not quite a week when I learned that it was going to be impossible for me to join you because the President requested that I accompany him on a trip out of the country at this particular time. I then sent a telegram to Mr. Cantu suggesting that Mr. Gilbert Chavez of the U. S. Office of Education attend this historic Crystal City graduation ceremony in my stead.

And now it has come to pass that Gilbert is indeed there not only as my replacement but in his first significant appearance as the newly elected National President of IMAGE.

And he brings to each of you for work well done, being recognized officially and wonderfully tonight, my warmest congratulations, and from the President of the United States his very best wishes for a rich and rewarding future.

Sincerely,

Fernando E. C. De Baca
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