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Mr. Jeffery Farrow  
Domestic Policy Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farrow:

I wish to thank you and give you your considerable share of credit for the help you gave us in resolving the recent fiasco over citizenship that was precipitated on our people by an insensitive and misinformed Immigration and Naturalization Service. As a result of your help, these things have occurred:

1. Citizenship rights have been restored to their status prior to January 30, 1980, that is, our people are once again being treated as American citizens for immigration and naturalization purposes. And we are quite satisfied.
2. President Carter, on March 28, 1980, tendered an official apology through his Special Assistant on Intergovernmental Relations, Jack H. Watson, Jr.
3. On March 30, 1980, John H. Shenefield, Associate Attorney General, made formal apology for the behavior of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
4. We have had a useful forum provided to us for demonstrating to our Washington superiors that we value citizenship highly and will not accept abuse or mischief to these new, (and I believe) properly earned rights.

I am proud of the way our people expressed their American loyalty, even though this was by way of dismay and outrage. But I must also acknowledge that this transition period of finding and fixing loyalties is a vulnerable time of flux and of great emotional swings. Ugly nationalism, such as we see in many other emerging areas has its inception in just such blunders as this one . . . but were not promptly corrected.

Thank you again for your help.

With personal regards and a warm

Hafa Adai,

CARLOS S. CAMACHO  
Governor