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Dear Sir:

UMAS (United Mexican-American Students) is an organization which was established in colleges and universities throughout the Southwest, to increase the number of Mexican-American students in higher education. Our organization, therefore, is primarily concerned with recruiting, motivating, and retaining high school Mexican-American students once they reach the college or university. In February, UMAS-UCR held a conference in which over 500 Mexican-American students from high schools throughout Southern California participated.

Besides working to recruit Mexican-American students into higher education, our organization is also involved as a community service organization. During the recent California floods, for example, UMAS members volunteered their services to many of the Spanish speaking people who were displaced by the disaster. We are also involved with community institutions which have problems dealing with Mexican-Americans. These institutions range from the Public Defender's Office to the Riverside General Hospital.

During the academic year 1969-70 we plan to continue our services. However, funds will be necessary. Knowing of your sincere interest in the many problems that Mexican-Americans face, our organization is therefore asking for private contibutions. I would like to thank you, in advance, for any aid you may be able to give.

Again,

Thank you,

Henry Perez

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