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Hon. J. T. Canales,  
Brownsville, Texas.

Dear Friend:

Your letter of the 6th instant received and contents carefully noted.

I am very glad to know that you feel inclined to agree with me in that for the sake of our Organization we must select a person who is in all respects qualified for the Presidency. I am quite certain Mr. Machado will not make the race unless you and I assure him of our support. I am not ready to give him such assurance at this writing. I must wait until the day of the Convention. I want to go Del Rio with an open mind and see how many candidates appear on the horizon. In the meantime, I shall try to make a survey of the situation. I am anxious to have you come here and give the members of Council No. 16 the once over. We have a splendid group of men in it. You will like them.

Your article will appear in to-morrow's "La Prensa" (Sunday). It is very good and I am sure it will do a lot of good. - You will notice in the same issue, or perhaps Monday's, an article by Prof. J. Luz Saenz regarding the organization of a Ladies Auxiliary Council in Alice, Texas. Here is something we must give some thought to immediately. Under our general Constitution there is nothing to prevent women from joining our League, so long as they are American citizens. This being the case, the next question is should we accept women members in the same Council with male members, or shall we advise them to form councils composed exclusively of women? Why call them Auxiliary Councils? I see no reason. They can be fullfledged Lulackers under our Constitution. My personal view on this matter is as follows: Let's advise them to form councils separately from us; not as auxiliary councils, but as fullfledged Lulackers, with the same rights and duties. I believe we shall all be happier if we operate separately because we shall have more freedom in our deliberations and actions and enjoy the meetings more. We can exchange visits with our lady-fellow-members from time to time; and, of course, we shall at all times be more than glad to guide them and assist them in anyway we can. Now, what is your reaction? It is a problem we shall have to meet at the Del Rio Convention. The Alice Feminine Council is already organized.

Prof. Saenz is back in San Antonio. He has been doing good work for the League; that is, preparing the ground, reorganizing of councils, etc.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I remain, as ever,

Your friend,

P.S. Please do not appoint me Chairman of the "ominating Committee, as I want to be free to speak my mind as a member of said Committee. Then too, the Chairman votes only in case of a tie, if I am correctly informed. We may need my vote. No, let's appoint as Chairman a friend of Collis. A.S.F.

