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Dear Martha:

It was so good to hear from you and to learn that you are doing what some of us have finally discerned as the only way to really do our thing and that is to set up your own shop.

God bless you and help you, you'll need all the moral courage you can master and then some but I have faith in you.

When I started El Clarin it was because I had sent various resumes to the T.V. Stations and they were not even acknowledged, in spite of the fact that other Hispanos were hired with no work experience so how can one claim discrimination? With all doors closed the only thing left was to start a newspaper. I have invested over 3,000 of my own money and have really had to "hump"it. Buying clothes in the second hand store, etc., We managed to hang in there for one year but presently I am beating the bushes to get going again.

The Fair Employment Practices Commission finally found in my favor on all counts on April 1, but then WCIU requested an extension to review the possibility of an appeal due to having another attorney. According to my lawyer, their brief only requests the hearing examiner to reconsider his decision, but in the meantime, nothing. I finally got the ear of the editor of the most influential Spanish newspaper here, La Raza and he's doing something this week, a continuation of a series on T.V. and Radio and especially WCIU. But that could be a double-edged sword for if he sticks to the decision and why it's being delayed fine but if instead he fixes in on the reason the

channel began to give me problems, that is the Hispanos on the channel objecting to my appointment, it could open up a can of worms. Damned if you do and damned if you don't.

My main concern for going into detail Martita, is that at this point in time, I am somewhat demoralized-I got into the movement in an attempt to make a contribution but at times I find myself at odds with my own-the enemy is white and male-what is it? Do you have an answer? After we call attention to a problem and begin to have impact only to learn that "the man" has gone around you to deal with the "agachados" God, what is the answer?

After two years of unemployment with only a few honor-ariums for speaking engagements for "gavachas" and conducting organizational development and conciousness-raising sessions, I begin to feel that we are mainly fighting Aunt Janes and Tio Tacos-what to do?

But I have bent you ear long enough- This Monday I will speak at Bethesda Naval Center for Federal Womens Week, on the 23rd of September in Indianapolis, Ind and Oct. 10, at the Toman Public Library in Chicago so if there's anything you want me to say on Chicanas, I welcome any input and would be delighted to promote your operation stating where the data comes from and recommending that you be contacted for more material.

Once again, the very best to you and may the Lord bless you and keep you as you are.

Yours truly,

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