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Dear Representatives Reyes and Gonzalez:

Thank you for your recent invitation to appear before the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and its Civil Rights Task Force, for a candid discussion of issues of importance to the Hispanic community in the context of my pending nomination to the federal bench. As you may be aware, judicial nominees may not ordinarily discuss any issues that might come before the courts. In the context of your specific request, I must additionally keep in mind that the Senate, which must in due course pass upon my nomination, has not yet had an opportunity to consider it. I regret that my current circumstances do not allow me to meet with you for the type of wide-ranging discussion your letter appears to contemplate.

I would be delighted, however, to meet informally with Members of the CHC or its Civil Rights Task Force to discuss my educational background, my experience as an attorney and my qualifications for judicial office—the type of issues that nominees ordinarily may discuss with bar groups and similar associations. I have agreed to discuss those subjects (and in several cases have already met) with the American Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund. In light of your special interest in issues of concern to Hispanic Americans, I would be pleased to meet with you—as I have agreed to do with those groups—and answer any questions you may have about my professional qualifications and experience.

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If such an informal meeting would be of interest to you, please have a member of your staff call me to make the appropriate arrangements. Given the upcoming Easter recess
 P6/b(6) I can be available for a meeting after the week of April 22, 2002.

Very truly yours,

Miguel A. Estrada

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