

"Dear Mr. President", Tucson, Arizona, January or February 1942

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Cut B1

Carlos Lopez: Mr. President, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Private Lopez, ??? Lopez, Carlos, from the 45th Division. I came to offer my opinions about this war in the country and what you are doing.

Unidentified Man: All right, hold it George.

Cut B2

Carlos Lopez: Mr. President, I am Carlos Lopez from Tucson, Arizona. Recently discharged from the army and I am enlisting in the marines now because I like the — I like any other American I'd like to do my part in this war and I believe the marines will show me more action. [*long pause*] ???.

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Cut B4

Carlos Lopez: Mr. President, I'm Carlos Lopez from Tucson, Arizona. I came over to tell you what I think about this war and what you are doing. I have a recent discharge from the army and I'm about to enlist in the marines now, because I feel that I should do my part, and I'd like to, and I believe that would be the best way to do it. About this war I believe you're doing better than anybody could expect, and I am sure that all the United States ??? people are backing you up, as far as I know. As for the Spanish people born in the United States I believe that they all have the same opinion as I have, and we feel that we should fight and defend this country as soon as possible. As for Mexico I imagine they are as neighbors, they are in about the same boat. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor didn't suit me anymore than it did anybody else, and I believe that I've got my fighting blood up just as any other American. And I'm sure we're going to win even if it does cost quite a bit. I believe we'll win because I believe the morale of the American soldiers is a lot better than theirs, and we have a reason to fight, and we are fighting for what we believe is ours. And Mexico is ready to stand by I believe. It's brought us tomorrow to a better understanding of this war, and I know that all Americans that are Americans will back you up to the limit.