



July 15, 1985

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Compañeros,

We wanted to thank you for hosting our meeting of June 29, 1985. Even though we were not able to resolve our differences, we still feel it was a good first step to get things out on the table. There are many things which unite us, and we think our organizations should try to work together in the overall interests of the Chicano-Mexicano people.

As we said in the meeting, we don't think your statement, "Self-Determination for the Chicano Movement: A Critique of the League for Revolutionary Struggle," reflects the way in which responsible and principled struggle should occur in the Chicano Movement. We hope that in the future, we can just raise our concerns to each other in a more direct and open fashion. We also believe we should handle our differences with mutual respect and respect for democracy.

As we indicated in the meeting, we hope that our dispute will go no further than it has, and we ourselves will circulate our written response only as far as your statement was circulated. But we believe it is in the best interests of the Chicano Movement to put an end to it, and try to cooperate against our common enemy. We are sure that you share these sentiments with us.

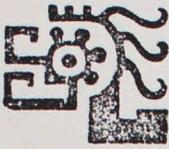
Enclosed are the items we agreed to send you:

1. A written response to your statement; and
2. Articles on the 1984 presidential elections.

We look forward to a further improvement in our relations so that we can both continue to contribute to building unity and strength of the struggle for self-determination.

Sinceramente,

Roberto Flores



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In late June, Union Del Barrio and the League of Revolutionary Struggle held a meeting which, even though we were not able to resolve our differences, still represented a good first step to get things out on the table. The League believes that there are many things which unite the League and Union and we think that our organizations should try to work together in the overall interests of the Chicano-Mexicano people.

As we stated at the meeting, we don't think the Union statement, "Self-Determination for the Chicano Movement: A Critique of the League for Revolutionary Struggle," reflects the way in which responsible and principled struggle should occur in the Chicano Movement. The League hopes that in the future, any differences which may occur between Union and the League can be raised to each other in a more direct and open fashion within an atmosphere of mutual respect.

As was stated to Union at the meeting, the League does not feel the dispute between the two organizations should go any further than it has. We explained to Union that their statement contained a lot of distortions which have to be responded to, but we intend to circulate our written response only as far as Union's statement has been circulated. We believe that it is in the best interests of the Chicano Movement to put an end to this dispute.

The Chicano Movement needs the unity of all the organizations which fight for equality, justice and self-determination.