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This letter is written in red solely because of my personal feelings that recognition of **November 18, 1967** of personal courage, such as apparently outlined above, desperately need public recognition in these troubled times. I do not personally know Primitivo or his family.

Honorable Lyndon Johnson, President
United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Primitivo Garcia
2738 Holly Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear President Johnson:

The above named individual is a 23 year old young man, an immigrant from Mexico, who, on Wednesday, November 16, 1967, was seriously wounded while voluntarily coming to the aid of a young, pregnant school teacher, who was being assaulted by a group of young thugs. The affray took place outside Westport High School, where Primitivo was attending a night session for naturalization studies. While others stood by, not wishing to become involved, this young man had the moral fibre and physical courage to take a stand--and for his troubles, has been confined to the Kansas City General Hospital since.

Frankly, President Johnson, this young man is deserving of some special recognition for his act of personal heroism. His action epitomizes those very qualities which have made our country the bulwark of free democracy. The similarity between his individual act of freeing a defenseless young woman from tyranny on the streets of Kansas City, and this country's attempt to free South Viet Nam from the same type of tyranny, are obvious. Were you to give him some type of personal recognition, be it only a letter (although I personally believe he deserves much more), perhaps it might encourage more of our fellow countrymen to take the same courageous stand.

Further information on this affair can easily be obtained from the City Desk of the Kansas City Star.

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Thank you for your time.

With warm, personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Austin F. Shute

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