

## Appendix A

### Summary of Project Request

Over 10,000 Mexican Americans served in the Civil War from California, New Mexico Territory and Texans. Approximately 5,000 soldiers of Hispanic heritage from Texas participated in the Civil War. These Tejanos included as many as 4,000 men who fought in the Confederate Army and 1,000 Mexican Texans who enlisted in the Union Army in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 1864. Yet very little scholarship has been devoted to the role these individuals played in this momentous conflict. Although the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* contains valuable information, as does records at the National Archives, such as regimental, company and individual service records, no significant set of personal recollections has eluded historians. Besides the letters and documents reprinted in the 128-volume *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* relating to the role of Tejanos in the war, a few letters of Santos Benavides, a colonel in the Confederate Army from Laredo, as well as Antonio Navarro, son of the famed Jose Antonio Navarro and a captain in the Confederate Army from San Antonio who fled the state during the war, have survived. The most significant set of personal letters, however, has to be those of Capt. Manuel Yturri and Capt. Joseph de la Garza of San Antonio. Written in both English and Spanish, Yturri and De la Garza wrote at least ninety letters to family members back home in San Antonio. In 2007, the author of this proposal recently obtained permission from Helen and John Yturri to publish these letters. I plan to travel to San Antonio to photocopy these letters along with a few pertinent family photographs of Yturri, De la Garza, and family members. The letters will be transcribed, translated, placed in correct chronological order and then edited and annotated. I anticipate somewhere between 100 and 150 endnotes providing biographical

and military information not contained in the originals. A rather lengthy introduction will also be written.