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## House of Representatives

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August 28, 1962

JAMES A. (JIMMY) TURMAN SPEAKER

> The Honorable Hector P. Garcia, M. D. 3024 Morgan Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

This is to acknowledge your nice letter of August 22. I appreciated hearing from you and, at the same time, I was disappointed to hear that you could not accept an appointment to become a member of the Advisory Council to the Legislative Council concerning the problem of the mentally ill and seriously disturbed children although I am very understanding about the fact that you are unable to consider this appointment at this time. I shall look elsewhere for another possible appointee although I know your possible membership would have meant a great deal to this Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime in the near future, I am

Sincerely your friend,

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MIGRATORY LABOR (PURSUANT TO S. RES. 273, 67TH CONGRESS)

August 30, 1962

Dear Sir:

Because of your demonstrated interest in the need to improve the welfare of the migratory agricultural worker, I would like to bring to your attention the film, "Seeds of Progress." This film, produced by WCAU-TV, a CBS affiliate in Philadephia, tells the story of the migrant who works in the fields of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, a story similar to that of the migrant anywhere in the United States.

Expertly photographed and narrated, "Seeds of Progress" is well suited to be shown either at a large conference or before a small group. Both the uninitiated audience and the audience aware of the plight of the migratory laborer will, having seen the film, be better able to appreciate the great need for legislation in this field. Without vigorous interest at the local level, efforts to improve the living and working conditions of these deprived Americans cannot succeed.

This film is presently available at no charge (other than the cost of mailing). Inquiries may be directed to: Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor, G-237 New Senate Office Building; CApitol 4-3121, ext. 3674. A month's notice would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Chairman Subcommittee on Migratory Labor

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## SEEDS OF PROGRESS\*

This is the story of people who pick fruits and vegetables in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, people who provide a large percentage of the food for the American table. In this vast truck garden and orchard area, during the peak employment period of 1961, there were 30,000 migrant workers playing a role in producing commodities valued at more than \$348 million.

But every year fewer and fewer workers return to this area. They are being replaced by the cranberry rake, the tomato harvester, the viner; each new machine enables the farmer to hire fewer workers for shorter periods of time. The migrant, however, cannot be mechanized out of existence. He still represents an essential segment of the American agricultural work force. And he still faces housing problems which would seem unbelievable to most Americans. Because he is constantly on move following the harvest, he must accept the accommodations offered. Although some migrant housing is exemplary, most is substandard. Primitive outdoor privies and community water taps are the usual sanitation facilities. Farmers who hire the migrant worker do not want to exploit them, but low wages at the end of the picking season can mean the difference between survival or bankruptcy for the farmer.

Some states have recognized the problems the migrant population have presented. In Merchantville, New Jersey, farmers, and municipal, county and state government representatives gathered this year at a seminar called "Seeds of Progress." They discussed such problems as the education of migrant children, health care, day care centers, each area complicated by the lack of available funds and the continual movement of the migrant.

The film, "Seeds of Progress," tells about these problems as well as the aspirations of the migrant children who want to go to college, the efforts of a community to establish day care centers and a unique mobile health clinic. One comes to realize that the migrant and his family need not be living testimonials to the poverty and neglect that is possible in the world's richest democracy. The concern for these Americans from community, state, and federal officials should indeed nourish seeds of progress, and yield a harvest for which every American can be proud.

This movie is a 16 mm. sound film, black and white, one hour long.

I wanted to share with you my appreciation of the fine tribute the Post Office Department is paying our friend and fellow-worker for so many years, Speaker Sam Rayburn.

It was my pleasure to take part in the ceremony today when the Sam Rayburn Commemorative Stamp was issued. And, I wanted you to have one of the stamps on the special first-day envelope.

With warmest regards.

Lyndon B. Johnson





HONORING THE LATE SAM RAYBURN U.S. Congressman from Texas 1882 ~ 1961

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San Juan

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