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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Secretary Hardin has asked us to thank you for your telegram and letter of February 17, with a petition from citizens of Uvalde County to start a food assistance program in their county.

The Department shares your concern for people living in areas not participating in a food assistance program. We have recently allocated to states special operating expense funds specifically to extend operations to areas with no food assistance program. The enclosed press release of December 19 explains this allocation.

With the aid of these funds, the State of Texas (through the State Department of Public Welfare) has started plans to establish a food distribution program in Uvalde County in the near future. We join you in hoping this can be done to alleviate hunger problems among all low-income families in the country.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Lott

Joseph H. Lott, Deputy Director
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Enclosure