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TO: Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Mr. James DeAnda
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FROM: Jack Solka

REFERENCE: Telephone Conversation with Raymond Galindo
on May 19, 1970.

1. 20 Unit - Section 236 - Robstown, Texas.
The project is still being processed by the F.H.A. office, presently it is being analyzed by the "cost" people.
2. 144 Unit - Section 236 with 40% Rent Supplement - Corpus Christi, Texas.
F.H.A. has not received a reply to their letter of April 10, 1970; therefore, they consider the project dead. If not already mailed, the letter asking specific questions should be written at once.
3. 72 Unit - Section 221(d)3 Rent Supplement - Robstown, Texas.
Waiting for future appropriations by Congress.
4. General Comment: After Dr. Garcia's visit to San Antonio two weeks ago, the F.H.A. got the impression that it was Dr. Garcia's wishes that the 50 unit Kingsville project receive top priority. Thus, "mountains have been moved" to expedite the Kingsville project.

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Mr. Finnis A. Jolly, Director
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San Antonio, Texas 78204

RE: Project No. 115-44036-NP-SUP
American G. I. Forum
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Jolly:

We have received your letter of April 10, 1970, addressed to the American G. I. Forum of Texas, which stated that your pre-application analysis did not warrant the submission of a formal application and fee on the above project.

Though we accept your findings, we are disappointed. We feel that the American G. I. Forum of Texas is capable of developing and maintaining a housing project which will be supported by all the necessary social services and needed committees. This effort is planned with the intent to help raise low-income families from their present state of helplessness and hopelessness to the main stream of American Life. It is because of this concern for the social condition of people that the G. I. Forum voted to sponsor housing projects. Further, we feel that we have learned a great deal by monitoring the operation of existing housing projects in Corpus Christi and other communities.

The F.H.A.'s significant efforts on behalf of low-income families in need of adequate housing in Corpus Christi is not unnoticed. The units built within the past year are housing many deserving people; this assistance is appreciated by all of us who come in daily contact with poverty families.

Thus, we are asking you to assist us in developing a proposal that is consistent with your findings. Your letter raises a number of questions about our proposal which we would appreciate receiving further explanations:

1. Is there an objection to the site?
2. Is there a question about the number of units proposed?
3. Is there an objection to Section 236 with rent supplements at this site?
4. Are the proposed rents too high?

If these questions and other related discussions can best be handled in your office, representatives of the Housing Committee of the American G. I. Forum and I will be glad to visit with you in San Antonio.

Sincerely yours,

Hector P. Garcia, M. D.
Chairman, American G. I. Forum of Texas