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Mr. Freddie Castillo
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Dear Freddie:

It is a sincere pleasure to learn of the functions of Manpower Education and Training. Like most Texans, I have been very concerned about the seasonal farm workers and their families, and I am very glad to find an organization like M.E.T. providing on-the-job training, expanded educational opportunities and other services to these people. They badly needed someone to provide such services and to follow through on them.

As you know, there have been several well-intentioned projects in the past but they have not carried on and so have been a sort of patchwork attempt at solving the problems of these people.

In particular I am glad to see that you have been named the Region VI Coordinator. I have long been impressed by your interest in helping people to help themselves. And I know of your deep and very real concern for people who need assistance. As I say, I have seen well-intentioned projects which really became little more than beaureaucracies, so I am glad to see that the coordinator is a man who is willing to work and knows how to get things done.

Let me suggest that you contact the Texas Research League in Austin at 403 East Fifteenth Street (Zip 78701); phone 512: 472-3127. Also, a great deal of the data on the populace that you seek may be found in the 1970 Census, copies of which are in libraries over the state. And the Texas Employment Commission in Wichita Falls should provide you with a copy of the Texas Area Manpower Review, upon your request.

Freddie, in a later conversation with Jim Sanders, head of the Legislative Reference Library, I learned that the 1970 Census would more likely be found in the library of Midwestern State University. Mr. Sanders gave this reference for it: Vol. 1, Part 45, Ch C Texas, General and Social Economic Characteristics of Texas. Then he Xeroxed the covers of several publications in which you might be interested, and Xeroxed other information to enclose to you.

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Freddie, as I have told you, I want to help in any way I can, and I would appreciate your keeping me informed as to the progress of the work of Manpower Education and Training, Inc.

Best wishes to you and M.E.T. And as you know, if there is ever any way I can be of service, please call on me.

Sincerely,


Dave Allred

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