

TELEGRAM SENT JUNE 15, 1970

to: Honorable Preston Smith
Governor of Texas
Executive Mansion
Austin, Texas

FOR BEST INTEREST STATE GOVERNMENT TEXAS AND TO PREVENT COMPLETE
BREAKDOWN FOR RESPECT OF DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY.

BECAUSE CITY OFFICIALS AND MEXICAN AMERICANS NOT ONLY MATHIS BUT
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY WISHES SO.

BECAUSE REPUTATION TEXAS RANGERS AND NOW DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY
IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DAMAGED BY ACTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY LIKE ONES
INVOLVING PATROLMEN JERRY BYRD AND KENNETH STAFFORD.

SINCE YOU HAVE POWER AND HAVE PREVIOUSLY IN OTHER CASES HONORED
REQUEST OF LOCAL PEOPLE TO REMOVE "VISTAS".

AND SINCE GRAND JURY COMMENDING ABOVE OFFICERS HAS BEEN FOUND NOT
TO HAVE CONDUCTED A THOROUGH AND IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION,

THEREFORE GOVERNOR SMITH FOR YOUR SAKE, STATE OF TEXAS AND MEXICAN
AMERICANS REMOVE SAID OFFICERS AT ONCE NOT ONLY IN MATHIS BUT WHERE-
EVER THEY HAVE COMMITTED VIOLATIONS CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW.

SOME OF THESE CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOCUMENTED IN SAN ANTONIO
HEARING OF U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN DEC. 1968. ALSO IN REPORT
FEB. 1970 ON "CIVIL RIGHTS IN TEXAS. BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE U.S.C.C.R.

GOVERNOR SMITH, I, AS A TEXAN AND AS STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN
G.I. FORUM REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION.

RESPECTFULLY,
DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA, CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN G I FORUM OF TEXAS