

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

This has been a busy week and we would like to call your attention to several events:

1. Commissioner Ximenes, after a meeting with the President, announced that the Inter-Agency Committee would hold a series of hearings in El Paso on October 27 and 28 in order to bring new light on proposed solutions to the problems of the Mexican American community. These hearings will involve more than 1,000 people and will be outlined more thoroughly in subsequent letters.
2. The White House announced that Dr. Hector Garcia of Corpus Christi has been nominated as an alternate representative to the United Nations General Assembly. The session opens next week.
3. We have enclosed three items which may be of interest:

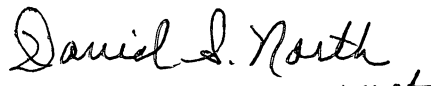
Announcement of the appointment of Salvador Del Valle as Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at Sandia Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Frances Flores of Riverside, California, to a position with the Food and Drug Administration.

A statement by the Commissioner on considerations involved in enumerating people of Mexican or Spanish origin.

We will continue to mail comparable material to you.

Sincerely,


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ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SOUTH TEXAS MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS (MIGRANTS)

An adult educational program for 140 migrant and seasonal farm worker heads of households in Hidalgo County, Texas, was announced today by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C.

The \$213,507 grant to the Associated City-County Economic Opportunity Corporation of Hidalgo County (Edinburg) Texas, will provide 50 weeks of intensive basic education. Professional assistance for the program will be received from the Valley Association for Superior Education, a Title III (ESEA-HEW) funded project. The grantee is the Community Action Agency for Hidalgo County.

One hundred worker trainees will attend classes eight hours a day, five days a week, for the 50 weeks. Forty or more adult members of the trainees' family will attend part-time basic education and homemaking classes. Medical examinations, follow-up and other supportive services will also be provided. A job-developer/counselor will be responsible for placing the trainees directly into jobs or vocational training. The Ling-Temco Vought vocational training and mobility project in McAllen, Texas will cooperate in placing the workers in vocational training.

Six professionals, including a Project Director, Job Development/Counselor and four teachers, plus five non-professionals (four teacher aides and a bookkeeper), will be employed in the project.

A project Director has not been selected.

A policy, program advisory committee will be formed and will include farm workers, educators, CAP representatives, and community leaders.

All grants for migrant and seasonal farm worker programs are made by OEO to the grantee for administration of the program under the authority of Title III-B of the Economic Opportunity Act, as amended. Grants are processed through the Migrant Division of the Office of Special Field Programs, CAP, Washington, D. C.