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TO DR HECTOR P GARCIA 1315 BRIGHT AVE CORPUS CHRISTI TEXAS

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THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM REGARDING SKILLS TRAINING FOR MIGRANT FARM WORKERS IN TEXAS. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS COMMITTED \$3 MILLION TO TRAIN 2000 TEXAS MIGRANTS. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND DUE TO OUR PROTRACTED EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE WAGES OFFERED BY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS TO THE TRAINEES UP TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS. THE DEPARTMENT IS INSISTING ON \$1.40 AND HOUR, WHERE THE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE COVERED BY THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW, AND \$1,25 AND HOUR, WHERE THERE IS NO COVERAGE. THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL ENABLE THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY TO SUBMIT TRAINING COST DATA IN APPROXIMATELY 2 OR 3 WEEKS. THE SELECTION AND REFERRAL OF SOME 600 TEXAS MIGRANTS WILL BEGIN UPON COMPLETION OF THIS DATA BY THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE DDEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL KEEP ITS

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