

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We are continuing to struggle with Oscar Del Rio, and the Commissioner has asked us to send you a copy of the most recent report on him, and we have done so.

He has struck all of us as a wonderful person, but we are having difficulty converting that universal impression into a firm job offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. North", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David S. North
Executive Director
Inter-Agency Committee on
Mexican American Affairs

The Honorable Hector P. Garcia
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22nd General Assembly
U. S. Mission to the United
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Enclosure

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October 13, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commissioner Ximenes

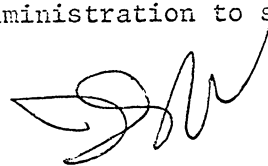
Regarding Dr. Hector Garcia's letter about Mr. Oscar Del Rio's application to OEO, Beth Reeves was recently in touch with a Mr. Fullwood at OEO who knew about the application.

It seems that Mr. Ossim of the Staffing Branch was either out of the office, on vacation, or over at the Civil Service Commission for several days. Thus, the delay in response.

According to Mr. Fullwood, there is no way of determining the reason for the rejection. Once the application is returned, the file is discarded. All OEO has is a copy of Ossim's letter to Del Rio.

We can only surmise that Del Rio's experience as a grocery store manager coupled with his extensive G.I. Forum activities, was not sufficient for a slot at OEO that would have been at a grade level better than his current salary (\$9000/year). Del Rio would probably have to be offered a GS-12 in order to make it worthwhile for him to relocate, and it seems likely that his experience is not specialized enough to qualify him for that level.

In the past Mr. Del Rio's Form 57 has been seen by HEW, OEO, and U.S.D.A., all without success. We are planning to refer his application to the Small Business Administration to see if we can obtain some positive results there.



David S. North