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WASHINGTON, March 31—Following is the transcript of President Johnson's news conference at the White House today:

6. Help for Mexican-Americans

Q. Mr. President, have you heard anything to the effect that Mexican-Americans feel they should have more attention?

A. Yes, I have heard that all my life. I agree with them. I think they should have more attention. I am going to give them all the attention that I can. I haven't given them enough. I want to give them more. I think that they are entitled to more consideration in Government employment than they have received. I think they have been discriminated against in housing, in education, in jobs. I don't think we can be very proud of our record in that field.

I want to see it improved. I feel a very high regard and great respect for their people and a deep affection for them. I want to do everything I can to improve their lot. I think some of their complaints and their protests have been well founded, and have pointed up some things that we needed to hear. I hope that the appropriate people, including the President, can take prompt action on it.

Q. Mr. President, do you think they might be included on the coming conference on equal opportunity? **A.** I have not explored that. I don't know the thinking behind it. But they can be included. My door is open to them all ways. I am very anxious to exchange

views with them. If they are ready for a conference, I will be ready for one.