

July 10, 1968

Honorable J. J. Pickle
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pickle:

Thank you for your note of July 1, and for the inclosure of the response from Mrs. Martin of HEW.

Somehow, these people do not get the very simple point: I am protesting segregation; not curriculum, teacher education, etc. Complicated and repetitive, investigations are not necessary and are simply a waste of the taxpayers' money.

It is very simple to determine if segregation exists. I can do it without even visiting the schools, if I am given the geographic and population data.

I am afraid that the teams of investigators will be misled by the sanctimonious protestations of goodwill, of false pedagogy, etc. In the last analysis: there is no good concentration camp, and "grouping" on attendance basis is segregation.

Sincerely,
George I. Sánchez

Texas Good Neighbor Commission
Sam Houston Building
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

I have your report, Texas Migrant Labor. Without going into detail, I take exception to two major assumptions of yours:

1. The "wetback" and bracero problems have not been overcome. We now have the tens of thousands of "Green Carders" who take the place of former wetbacks or braceros. We have simply legalized a discredited practice.

2. The education of "migrant children" is still a scandal to the jaybirds, and unconstitutional. No amount of window dressing, or pious pseudo-pedagogical justification, can purge these efforts of the stigma of segregation.

I'll be glad to debate these issues with anyone face to face, in the press, or in the courts, at your convenience.

Sincerely,
George I. Sánchez

P. S. You seem to have forgotten that your Commission was founded to improve the condition of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in Texas. It was not established to serve as a glorified state Mexico-U.S. tourist agency, or an an apologist and protagonist of cheap labor from Mexico.

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cc: Consul General of Mexico
Mexican-American Joint Conference Committee