

OCTOBER 28, 1961

HONORABLE ARTHUR GOLDBERG  
SECRETARY OF LABOR  
U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. GOLDBERG:

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I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE CO-OPERATION AND HELP THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US. I AM GLAD TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SITUATION GENERALLY IS IMPROVING AND I THINK IT WILL GET BETTER. WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SWIMMING POOL IN KENNEDY, TEXAS, WILL POSSIBLY BY OPEN NEXT YEAR AND WILL PERMIT LATIN AMERICAN CHILDREN TO GO SWIMMING THERE.

THE RESTAURANT IN IMPERIAL, TEXAS HAS ALREADY STARTED SERVING OUR PEOPLE. OF COURSE, THERE ARE OTHER CASES THAT ARE GROUPING UP BUT OVERALL I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE MAKING GREAT PROGRESS.

AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WERE IT NOT FOR YOUR HELP, NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN DONE. WE WHO BELONG TO MINORITY GROUPS FEEL THAT WE HAVE A GREATER AFFINITY TO OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAN TO OUR STATE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF ACTIONS LIKE YOURS AND YOUR DEPARTMENT'S. WE REALLY FEEL THAT AS LONG AS WE HAVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON, AND BOB KENNEDY IN WASHINGTON, WE PREFER TO BE FIRST AMERICANS AND THEN TEXANS. I WISH TO ALSO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO OUR GOOD FRIEND, MR. MCFARLAND, FROM DALLAS REGIONAL OFFICE WHO HAS DONE SUCH A FINE JOB.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M. D.

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