Re: FELIPE GOMEZ ORTIZ BRACERO CONT. NO. L 2400183

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS. FEDERAL BUILDING.

Dear Sirs:

We are interested in helping above named alien enter the U'S. on a visa. Our interest is that he is married to an American Citizen

Mrs. Elenita Sanchez Ortiz, P.O. Box 261, Mathis Texas.
We are interested in knowing if there is any indictments, charges, or bad record by your Department against this individual. Mrs. Ortiz respectfully requests your Department to inform her if there are any such bad records, and if there are any to please advise her of same. In case there are no charges would you kindly

inform her in writing.

As background to his case we would like to point out that Mr. Ortiz was a Bracero working with Leoncio Guerra who was working for the F.H. Vallbing Co. (Inc) from Mathis. His contract was dated until Sept 3, 1957 although he had an extension for fourteen days. On or about Sept. 3,1957 Mr. Ortiz and 6 other Braderos complained that Mr. Leoncio Guerra was short-weighting them and robbing them in that manner. Mr. Otto Kruger from the Dept. of Agriculture, Austin, Texas checked into the matter and found out that Guerra was shortweighting them 12 pounds every time he weighted the sack. Guerra pleaded Guilty and was fined at a J.P. Court for total amount of \$59.50.

Guerra found out that Ortiz was one of the original plaintiffs, and on Sept. 6, 1957 The Border Patrol picked up Ortiz from his work, was taken to his wife's home and both taken to Falfurias. They were in Falfurias about 4 hours and then taken to Midalgo, Texas.

Immediately they were sent across to Reynosa, Tamps. Mexico.

Mrs. Ortiz and Mr Ortiz are of the opinion that Leoncio Guerra was the one who had him deported. The rest of his co-workers were placed in a Bus the same date (Sept. 6). and taken back to the

Hidalgo Bracero Center.

The U.S. Dept1 of Labor is investigating alleged underpayments by Guerra to many Braceros including a greatmajority of the ones that he had sent back. According to their spokesman Mr. Ortiz štill had an extension and that he could have stayed until that time. We are giving you this information hoping that it will help you in getting the information that we need.

We humbly and respectfully request your help in getting this

couple back together.

Thank You, Respectfully submitted