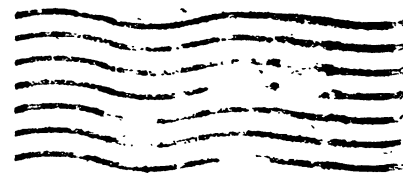
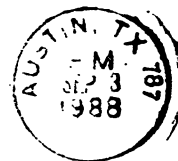
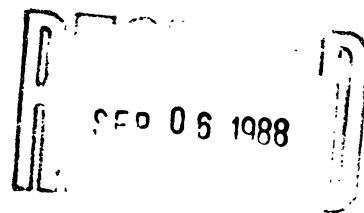


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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I was pleased to see the report of your work on behalf of the colonias in "Humanitarian Operation: The Colonias." We need your help because, as you know, the colonias present a tough problem.

I wanted to update you on my efforts as well. We have been working with the Industrial Areas Foundation for several months on a plan to get sewers into Cameron Park, a Brownsville area colonia. In particular, Sister Christine Stephens, Lead Organizer for Valley Interfaith, has worked with my office and others to find solutions.

We believe we have got a good basic plan to put in a Municipal Utility District. The outline is attached. I have also included some testimony from earlier this year which details my belief that we cannot solve the problem on a piecemeal basis. It is going to take a statewide, if not a nationwide, approach.

I appreciate the fine work you are doing. If I can ever be of help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann W. Richards".

ANN W. RICHARDS

Enclosures

1. Cameron Park

- Petitions Brownsville to create MUD
- Starts preliminary engineering work
- Estimates costs



2. Brownsville

- Gives permission
- Agrees to contract with MUD to build system, provide services & charge in-city rate



3. Commissioners Court

- Reviews petition
- Makes recommendation to TWC



4. Texas Water Commission

- Holds hearing
- Reviews specific projects/costs
- Approves MUD



5. Cameron Park

- Holds election
- Contracts with PUB/ Brownsville
- Finalizes project designs & cost
- Issues bonds



6. Texas Water Development Board

- Buys Cameron Park Bonds at low (4%) interest rate



7. Cameron Park MUD

- Pays Brownsville PUB to build sewer system & handle administrative work of collecting payments from residents to pay off bonds.