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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:

Hector P. Garcia, M. D.  
1315 Bright  
Corpus Christi, Texas

RE: Regino Parras  
Falfurrias, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

On November 27, 1967, Mrs. Parras and her daughter, Mrs. Feliciano Garcia, made an office visit exploring the possibility of testing eligibility for Mr. Regino Parras. That afternoon this worker visited Mr. Parras' residence to take an application under our Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled program, as this was the only category he could apply for. Arrangements were made for a physical examination to be administered by a physician of his choice. He chose Dr. L. E. Wilder, here in Falfurrias.

On November 28, 1967 Mr. Parras was examined and the medical information and social report sent to Medical Services for evaluation.

On December 28, 1967, our Medical Services Division rendered a decision, which read in part that:

Mr. Parras' condition, according to information available does not appear severe enough to be considered totally disabled. He does not meet the definition of permanent and total disability as defined in APTD statutes. (see enclosed pamphlet)

On that same date a field denial was interpreted to Mr. Parras. The necessity of meeting the requirements of both permanently and totally disabled was explained to him. In fact, since he had an eighteen year old child the possibility for an incapacity case was explored under our AFDC program, but the child is not in school, ruling this endeavor out. His right to appeal was explained to him. Rest assured that we are cognizant of their every need and attempt to explore all possible factors in testing their eligibility but when the requirements are not met we can not legally place a grant in this household.

Prior to January 31, 1968 Mr. Parras appealed our decision, as was his right and our staff and state office was notified and an appeal hearing date was set for February 14, 1968 at 2:00 p.m.

On that date his daughter called this worker informing us that they no longer wished to continue with the appeal, as they had no further medical evidence to present. Worker informed them that they should continue with the appeal as it would be to their benefit but they still declined.

On February 16, 1968 Mr. Parras was notified by the State Office that his appeal had been dismissed by virtue of their failing to keep the appointment and to notify this local office if they wished to pursue their appeal within the following 60 days.

As you know, the State of Texas does not have a general relief program, there by precluding assistance to marginal cases such as Mr. Parras'.

Thank you for your interest and concern on this case, if we can be of further assistance do not hesitate to notify us.

Respectfully yours,



Adan Lozano, P. A. Worker I

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cc: Mrs. Susana Lopez, Supervisor Unit 05, Falfurrias, Texas