



Office of National President
RUBEN BONILLA, JR.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, U. S. Attorney General's Hispanic Advisory Committee
FROM: Ruben Bonilla *RB*
RE: INS RAIDS--AUSTIN, TEXAS
DATE: March 14, 1980

On Wednesday, March 12, 1980, the INS Office in San Antonio, Texas raided the Oltorf Arms Apartments located at South Fifth Oltorf Streets in Austin, Texas.

As a result of this raid, the INS apprehended thirty undocumented workers who were residing in this predominantly Hispanic housing project.

Attached you will please find a copy of a mailgram forwarded to the Attorney General protesting the raid and asking for an immediate cessation of such unlawful practices.

I hope that you will join me in forwarding a similiar protest to the Attorney General. We should not tolerate such injustices on the eve of the 1980 Census.

MAILGRAM:

HONORABLE BENJAMIN CIVILETTI
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL;

THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS DISTRICT OFFICE CONDUCTED A RESIDENTIAL RAID AT THE OLTORF ARMS APARTMENTS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON MARCH 13, 1980. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INS WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY SEARCH WARRANT OR OTHER COURT ORDER TO ENTER THE RESIDENTIAL AREA IN SOUTH AUSTIN. THE INS APPREHENDED THIRTY UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS, WHO BY THIS DATE MAY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED FOR DEPORTATION.

AS LULAC NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND AS A MEMBER OF THE U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HISPANIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, I STRONGLY PROTEST THE ACTIONS OF THE INS AND ASK THAT YOU ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE ORDER PROHIBITING SUCH SCANDALOUS CONDUCT.

I SUBMIT THAT THE INS RAID IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH YOUR ORDER OF NOVEMBER 26, 1979 IN WHICH YOU ANNOUNCE THAT INVESTIGATIONS AT PLACES OF RESIDENCE BY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WERE TO BE DISCONTINUED AS A USUAL ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUE.

INS RAIDS ON THE EVE OF THE 1980 CENSUS JEOPARDIZE FULL AND ACCURATE COUNTS OF HISPANICS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE SEEMINGLY ILLEGAL RAIDS WILL DISCOURAGE OUR SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES FROM TRUSTING AND CONFIDING IN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ONCE THE CENSUS COUNT COMMENCES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

WE URGE YOUR DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE INS ACTIONS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND TO ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE ORDER RESTRAINING AND ENJOINING THE INS FROM ENGAGING IN ANY ENFORCEMENT RELATED ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE CENSUS IS BEING TAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

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LULAC NATIONAL PRESIDENT