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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

This is in reply to your letter of March 20, attaching a letter you received from Hector P. Garcia, M.D. On the basis of a Resolution by the American G. I. Forum of Colorado, Dr. Garcia expresses apprehension about the maintenance of this Department's itinerant station at Pueblo, Colorado and commends the work of Investigator John Stansfield.

Dr. Garcia need not be concerned about the Pueblo itinerant station. The Department opened this branch office in connection with the expansion of its Wage and Hour enforcement activities subsequent to the increase in the minimum wage from 75¢ to \$1.00 in March, 1956. It was our judgment that an investigator permanently stationed at Pueblo would be better able to serve the surrounding areas than would be the case were he based at Denver, where a permanent field office is located. We particularly had in mind the child-labor problems of the area. I am glad to note that Dr. Garcia is pleased with the effectiveness of Department enforcement activities in Southeastern Colorado. There has been no change in our thinking about this itinerant station, and we have every intention of maintaining an investigator there so long as funds are available.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Acting Secretary of Labor