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Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Yarborough:

Mr. Rumsfeld has asked me to thank you for your recent letter concerning the need for legal services resulting from Hurricane Celia in Corpus Christi, Texas. As you know, the Legal Aid Society of Nueces County, under the leadership of William Shireman, Esq., responded to the crisis immediately and the work of the program on behalf of the disaster victims has been excellent.

The Office of Legal Services authorized the program to expend approximately \$10,000 in unexpended funds for emergency purposes. Also, the processing of the \$63,000 refunding grant was expedited and those monies should soon be available to the program.

Mr. Shireman has requested a supplemental grant in the amount of \$60,000 to deal with the continuing problems created by the storm. The Office of Legal Services does not have the funds necessary for such an emergency grant, although we are fully aware of the need and strongly support the application. Two members of my staff visited Corpus Christi in August and reported that additional resources were sorely needed. The Deputy Director of the Southwest Region, Office of Economic Opportunity, has indicated to the Regional Legal Services staff that other funds available to the agency can be utilized for the grant, and my office is working on this as a matter of highest priority.

If you wish any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Terry F. Lenzner
Director
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