## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

MAR 2 0 1970

Dr. Hector P. Garcia American G. I. Forum of the U.S. 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your telegram of March 10, about Kerr County. In our letter of the same date in response to your inquiry regarding Uvalde County, we advised you of the operating expense funds that have been offered to Texas and other States to expand and improve the Commodity Distribution Program.

The Texas Department of Public Welfare has plans to use a part of these funds to start a program in Kerr County, as well as in Uvalde. They hope to be able to use these funds to start programs in every non-participating county in Texas.

The goal of the Department is to wipe out hunger and improve the nation's nutritional standards. We are hopeful that, with the new operating expense funds, there will soon be food assistance in every non-program area in the nation.

We appreciate your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Lott, Deputy Director Commodity Distribution Division