

Department of Justice
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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Board Chairman
American GI Forum of the U. S.
3024 Morgan Avenue
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Reference is made to your letter of June 10, 1961.

This office has carefully considered the information contained in your letters of May 14 and June 10, 1961, concerning the sheriff of Live Oak County. According to the letters, this sheriff shaved the heads of three Latin-American boys who were confined in the jail of that county on April 9, 1961, following their arrest for traffic violations.

There is no basis for federal action in connection with this matter since no violation of a federal criminal statute appears to be involved. I suggest, however, that you may wish to take the matter up with the appropriate state or local authorities.

Sincerely,



BURKE MARSHALL
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division