

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1977

Dear Dr. Garcia:

The President has asked me to thank you for wiring and asking that he meet with a group from the Texas Farmworkers Union when its march reached Washington on Labor Day.

I wrote Mr. Antonio Orendain, Director of the TFWU, on August 15, and indicated the President's schedule would prevent him from personally meeting with the group. With over 20 Latin American heads of state in town for the week, the President's time was monopolized by foreign policy discussions and work on the Panama Canal Treaty. In view of this, I told Mr. Orendain that Ms. Margaret Costanza, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, would be happy to meet with the group in the President's place.

On September 8 a delegation from the TFWU met at length with Ms. Costanza and her Deputy Assistant, Mr. Robert Nastanovich; as well as Mr. Ed Smith, Associate Director of the Office of Public Liaison; and Ms. Annie Gutierrez, Associate Director of the Domestic Policy Staff. Representatives from the TFWU also met with Mr. Ray Marshall, the Secretary of Labor.

I hope this is helpful to you. Thank you again for letting us know of your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fran Voorde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "F".

Fran Voorde
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