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June 25, 1979

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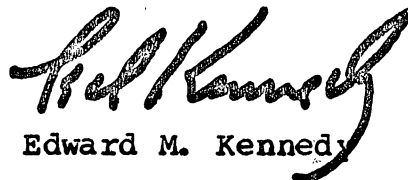
Dear Mr. Castillo:

Many thanks for your recent correspondence concerning the case of Rosendo Daniel Ortiz. I share your concern and agree that a federal investigation is necessary to determine whether the civil rights of the deceased were violated.

In this regard, I have been actively looking into this case and have been in touch with the Department of Justice concerning their current investigation of this matter. My office will continue to follow the outcome of this investigation to insure that an objective and just recommendation is made.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Kennedy", written in a cursive style.

Edward M. Kennedy

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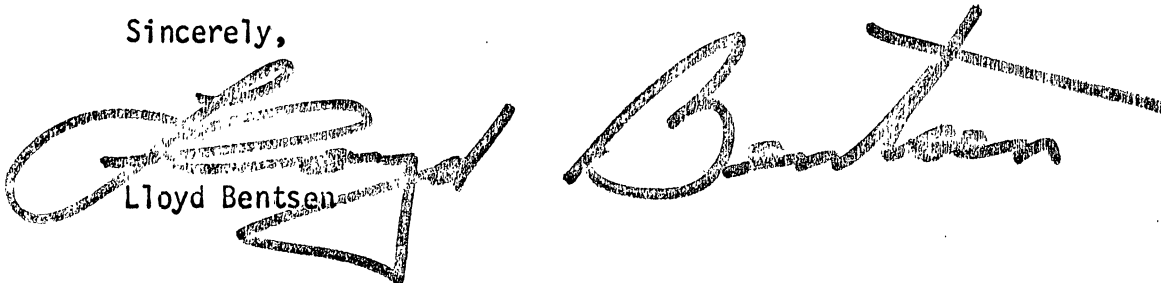
Mr. Freddie Castillo
American G I Forum
102 Ohio
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Dear Mr. Castillo:

Enclosed is a copy of the report I have received from officials of the Department of Justice in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

I trust this information will be of use to you and that you will find the report self-explanatory. It has been my pleasure to look into this matter. If I may be of service in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen

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Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Bentsen:

This is a reply to your May 21, 1979 referral of correspondence alleging that Mr. Rosendo Daniel Ortiz was unlawfully killed by a police officer in Wichita Falls, Texas, on April 16, 1979.

That matter is under active investigation by the Department of Justice. If the investigation discloses a violation of federal law, appropriate action will be taken by this Department. Should you require additional information concerning this matter please contact Mr. Stephen P. Clark, an attorney with the Civil Rights Division, at (202) 633-4103.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General
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May 30, 1979

Mr. Freddie Castillo
American G I Forum
102 Ohio
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Dear Mr. Castillo:

Thank you for your recent mailgram concerning the tragic death of Rosendo Daniel Ortiz. Please be advised that I have written to U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell to request that he investigate this matter.

Rest assured that I will contact you when I receive information from the Attorney General.

Again, thank you for contacting me.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,


Lloyd Bentsen



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22 MAY 1979

Mr. Freddie Castillo
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Wichita Falls, Texas 76305

Dear Mr. Castillo:

This is a reply to your correspondence alleging the unlawful killing of Mr. Rosendo Daniel Ortiz by police officers in Wichita Falls, Texas on April 16, 1979.

That matter is under active investigation by this Department. If the investigation discloses that a violation of federal law has occurred, you may be assured that the Department will take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Drew S. Days, III
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By: 
Stephen P. Clark
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Criminal Section