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I just received a call from David Lopez of the AFL-CIO, from Rio Grande City. He informed me that the Mexican union, CTM, had succeeded in stopping half the labor to La Casita Farms.

He asked me to call you to have you call Governor Connally. The Texas Rangers are intimidating Mexican-American strikers in the county. David says they (the Rangers) have been in constant contact with the growers, since they arrived in Starr County. Yet when he approached one of the Rangers in a friendly manner, he was shoved by the Ranger. He told me that the Rangers have been lecturing strikers against the strike, and have been effectively used as strike-breakers. He asked me to have you call the governor to ask him to pull the Texas Rangers out of Starr County. They are hurting the strike.

If the governor does not act, he requests that you call the Civil Rights Commission and the Justice Dept. in Washington. David's telephone in Rio Grande City is 512 - 487 2995.

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