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Dear Dr. Garica:

This is in reply to your telegram of March 16, 1971, regarding your request that the Department investigate the alleged assault of David Villanueva by Patrolman W. R. Gerth.

Based on similar information received from Mr. Jesse Zuniga, the Department requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a preliminary investigation.

Sincerely,

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