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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson Democratic Policy Committee Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.

This organization opposed resolution before House Agriculture Committee permitting unilateral action by U.S. on contracting Mexican agricultural workers. Refer you fine exposition of situation by wire of Archbishop Robert E. Lucey to House Committee and in current issue of Commonweal.

Claimed shortage of domestic agricultural labor fictitious and would disappear overnight if agricultural interests would offer even a fifty-cent hourly wage. Unemployment South Texas becoming rampant among domestic workers as result displacement by low-paid foreign workers. Inconceivable Congress can become party to situation promulgated by Eisenhower administration which has grown into major international problem and benefits only international Communist movement which is playing up situation to drive wedge between Mexico and United States.

Call your attention to February and March, 1954, issues of World Crime Detective Magazine which expose sordid conditions along border and infiltration into this country of narcotics peddlers, undesirealles of all types, and subversives through wide-open Mexican border. In face of these conditions Eisenhower budget is trimming Immigration Service Budget by more than three million dollars-at a time when testimony of Service before House committee made public yesterday shows it is unable cope with situation.

Spanish-speaking and other Texas citizens entitled to know your views and stand when this matter comes for consideration by Senate. We request also to know what Democratic Party leadership in Senate, through Democratic Policy Committee, proposes to do. If you do not agree our views, would appreciate being informed your reasons why. Full report this situation scheduled for state board meeting this organization in San Angelo. February 14.

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