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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I assume you have or will shortly receive other responses to your inquiry of the Secretary concerning the desegregation of certain school districts and employment opportunities for Mexican Americans within HEW.

The matter of employment is of concern to the Department's Equal Opportunity Staff of which Mr. Pedro Esquivel is a member.

As you know, Mr. Esquivel has represented the Department at prior meetings conducted by Mexican American organizations on the subject of civil rights. Budgetary restrictions preclude my assigning him to attend your scheduled October 13 - 15 conference. Nevertheless, we continue to be interested in the matter of employment for Mexican Americans. We can arrange to have representatives in our Dallas, Texas, regional office confer with you on the subject of processing your applications for employment in that area. On a broader scale, we would appreciate your sending such applications direct to this office and we will assume the responsibility for placing them in the proper channels.

My office telephone number is Area Code 202, 962-6515, and Mr. Esquivel can also be reached on this number should the need arise to contact us on any pressing problems.

Sincerely yours,


Samuel M. Hoston

Director

Equal Opportunity Staff