

Department of Justice
Washington

February 25, 1971

Dr. Hector Garcia
Chairman
American GI Forum of
the United States
1315 Bright Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

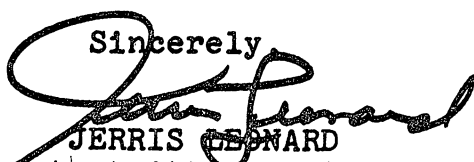
The Attorney General has asked me to respond to your telegram of February 24, 1971. As you know, I discussed the matter of Thomas Rodriguez with you by telephone. You also called the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Will Wilson and discussed it with him and United States Attorney Eldon Mahon has discussed it with you further.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the facts which you allege in your telegram are in dispute; nevertheless, the Department is watching the matter closely and being kept fully informed.

If there is any violation of federal law, action will be taken.

With respect to your request for a meeting, "to discuss continuous violation, including killings of Mexican-Americans throughout the U.S.," I would be pleased to meet with you if you will contact my office for an appointment.

Sincerely


JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division