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Joseph P. Witherspoon, S. J. D. Professor of Law 313 Townes Hall 2500 Red River Austin, Texas 78705

IN RE: Eric Clay Snyder, Texas

Dear Dr. Witherspoon:

Upon receipt of your letter of May 21, I assigned the case, to one of our staff attorneys, Mr. Robert Joselow. He informs me that he has already corresponded with you. I have, in addition, assigned him the Grand Prairie incident reported in your letter of June 2.

MALDEF has already established what I consider is a good working relationship with the faculty at the University of Texas School of Law. Sometimes I feel we call upon too often for assistance and research of some legal problems brought to our attention. On May 22 and 23, MALDEF sponsored a lawyers' seminar at the Texas Tech Law School, which was coordinated by Professor Robert Dawson, a member of the UT Law Staff, and at which conference we had members of the UT faculty as speakers, including the Distinguished Professor Albert P. Jones.

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Joseph P. Witherspoon, S.J.D. Page 2 June 3, 1970

May I commend you in the outstanding work performed by C. C. H. R. under your excellent leadership.

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Very truly yours,

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MARIO G. OBLEDO General Counsel

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

FROM ED IDAR JR.

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IN RE: LITIGATION SEEKING TO ESTABLISH MEXICAN-AMERICANS TO BE SOME "RACE" OTHER THAN WHITE

### DATE: JULY 20. 1973

Enclosed you will find copy of a memorandum originating in California along with copies of three memorandums prepared by my staff-all of them relating to the above subject. Please note that the California memorandum advocates litigation to establish that Mexican-Americans are something other than white or Caucasian. The memorandums prepared in this office establish the view, supported by case law which includes the Supreme Court decisions in the Hernandez Case as well as the Texas House Redistricting Case and more recently the Keyes Case in Denver, that the Mexican-American is Caucasian but on occasion has been treated as a class apart from other Caucasians. Accordingly, in my view there is no need to change the legal status which has been so laboriously established over the years through the case law cited.

Thus, I oppose litigation for this purpose," but I do not know whether my view is supported by Mexican-American leadership in Texas and in the Southwest.

In assessing this matter, I would welcome the views of a person such as yourself who is intimately familiar with the situation of the Mexican-American. Hispano, Latin American, Chicano or whatever convenient term is used to refer to those persons of Mexican origin or descent. Accordingly, I would welcome your careful study of the material that I am sending to you herewith and your considered view on this matter.

EIjr:sa Encls.

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April 8, 1974

Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Enclosed please find a copy of our proposed complaint in the Corpus Christi school board case, together with a copy of the complaint we filed in Tucson, Arizona, and of some of the news clippings we received in Tucson.

Very truly yours,

George J. Korbel

**Staff** Attorney

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September 18, 1974

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Doctor Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Čorpus Christi, Texas

Dear Doctor Garcia:

Enclosed please find copy of the 1970 Census of Population for Corpus Christi. We thought this might be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

George J. Korbel Staff Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Charles Cotrell

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November 1, 1974

Dear Friend:

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Regional Office here in San Antonio cordially invites you to attend its Fund Raising Dance to be held on November 23, 1974 in the Grand Ballroom of the Gunter Hotel from 7:30 p.m. - 12:30. The donation is \$5.00 per person. The purpose of this effort is to enable the San Antonio office to continue its work in serving the Spanish-speaking community of San Antonio and Texas.

MALDEF is a private non-profit tax-exempt organization initially funded by the Ford Foundation incorporated in 1967 to advance the civil rights of Mexican-Americans by legal action and legal education. During the first five years, numerous other foundations, business firms, associations, and individuals have financially supported MALDEF. However, with continuously increasing litigation costs and an ever expanding scholarship program for Spanish-origin law students, the San Antonio MALDEF office finds it necessary to seek financial support from our San Antonio community.

Not only in San Antonio but throughout the Southwest, MALDEF's litigation has responded to the need for orderly social change and legal redress to protect and expand participatory constitutional and political rights, improvements of educational opportunity, and the elimination of employment discrimination.

In order to have the greatest impact in the courts, MALDEF limits its litigation primarily to class actions challenging the wide-spread practices of abuse and discrimination, in addition to test cases to design new legal principles which may be used to secure greater equality. Currently our local litigation docket includes a case on employment discrimination at Kelly AFB, and a case seeking to establish a single-member district system to assure responsive representation of minorities in city elections.

The San Antonio Regional Office of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund needs support -- support from friends such as you in order to continue operating at optimum capacity in its efforts to serve the growing needs of our San Antonio Spanish-speaking community. Tickets are available at the MALDEF office, at all Joske's stores, and at the Dance. All donations are tax deductible and pledge cards are enclosed for your convenience. We hope you will join us in helping make this fundraising event a great success.

Sincerely. Jim Heidelberg Associate Counsel

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