

October 10, 1984

Daniel K. Hedges  
United States Attorney  
P.O. Box 61129  
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re: State-Federal Inter-Agency Task Force on Voter Fraud

Dear Mr. Hedges:

Your comments to Scott Linn in the McAllen Monitor dispute my suggestions that the task force may be used to intimidate predominately minority voters in south Texas and that I was "operating on a plan" which you were "not familiar with."

If in fact that is your attitude and you are unaware of the historical facts as to how the task force in the past has been used to intimidate minority voters (and I speak from having witnessed that in Hidalgo County precincts), I suggest that your task force would be well served by including persons of Hispanic origin and members of the black community on the task force who might be able to advise you from their own knowledge as to these problems.

I suggest that you appoint at least two members of the Hispanic community (and I would recommend Dr. Hector Garcia of the GI Forum in Corpus Christi and Dr. Ramiro Casso of the Texas Human Rights Commission) and two members of the black community to serve on your task force in order to advise you on these matters and to assure that the task force treats every person in Texas equally without respect to their national or racial origin.

I would appreciate your comments on these suggestions.

I also request that you send me a copy of the operating procedure and other documentation with respect with the operation of the task force. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James C. Harrington  
Legal Director

cc: Dr. Hector Garcia  
Dr. Ramiro Casso  
Ed Davis, Assistant Texas Secretary of State  
Col. James Adams, Department of Public Safety  
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