

Mexican-American Joint Conference Committee

September 25, 1967

U. S. Department of Justice
U. S. Civil Rights Commission
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have protested formally to both the Texas Education Agency and to the U. S. Office of Education over the establishment of segregated schools for "migrant" children, all of whom are of Mexican descent, in south Texas. These schools receive special aid under the NDEA. The children are not "on the road," but at home base. Further, some of them are allowed in the regular schools while others are housed in separate buildings, without pedagogical rhyme or reason.

As a consequence of these protests, the following has taken place:

1. A member of the Texas State Board of Education has virtually ordered the Texas Commissioner of Education not to have any dealings with me (I have that in writing from the Board member!).
2. The U. S. Office of Education (as I am informed by a letter from an Acting Assistant Commissioner, a Mr. Williams) has consulted the Texas Education Agency, and seems satisfied with their response. At least, no action to investigate the legality of this kind of segregation is indicated.

As a specialist in this field, with over 40 years of experience, I protest, again, this violation of both civil rights and sound educational administration. I object, especially, to the use of federal funds to subsidize school segregation of Mexican-Americans (or of anyone, for that matter).

Sincerely yours,

George I. Sánchez, Chairman

cc: Senator Ralph Yarborough
Senator John Tower

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