THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 5, 1970

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter to the President in which you recommend that a Mexican-American be appointed Commissioner to the United States Civil Service Commission.

Your endorsement is very much appreciated and will be carefully considered.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

Harry 9. Flemming
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to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1970

Dear Dr. Garcia:

The President has asked me to reply to your recent correspondence commenting on the implementation of the federal food programs in the State of Texas.

The Department of Agriculture stands by the President's commitment to have a food assistance program in every county in the nation by June 30 of this year. A county may choose either food stamps or commodity distribution. We are particularly pleased that the Governor of Texas has agreed to cooperate with us in implementing these programs. Action to complete the job in Texas in the shortest feasible time will continue.

Steps to appeal the decision in the suit before the Federal District Court in Dallas have been taken because the Government believes the Court did not correctly construe some of the laws involved. The Government's plan to appeal the Court's decision does not mean we have abandoned the President's goal of a food program in all counties of the country by the end of June.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

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