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Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Chairman
President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

I am an employee of The General Tire and Rubber Company
at its Odessa, Texas, plant.

I feel that I have been discriminated against, because
of my Latin American origin, while employed by General Tire
here in Odessa. I and other Latin Americans have been denied
the right to transfer into any department in the plant other
than the Laborer Department, to which we are all assigned.

We have over the last three years requested at various
times a means to get out of the "low paying" Laborer class-
ification, without any success at all. Many of us have the
educational requirements to go into "Operations" and "Main-
~~tenance~~" departments, at least as trainees, but not one Latin
American or Negro employee has ever been in any classification
other than Laborer. Not one Anglo has ever been in the Labor-
er classification in the plant. This in itself should show
that we are being discriminated against.

We would like to have your committee investigate and
correct this unfair situation. I am sure General Tire has
some government contracts.

Please keep my name confidential, because I have good
reason to feel that I could loose my job if the Company knew
I wrote this letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

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cc: Dr. Hector P. Garcia, President
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