

JANUARY 13, 1965

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY

I WISH TO THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE FINE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING IN BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF MEXICAN ORIGIN.

I AM HOPING THAT WITH THE WAR ON POVERTY OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL IMPROVE, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE FACTOR IN IMPROVING THIS CONDITION IS THE FACT THAT THE BRACERO PROGRAM IS FINISHED.

I AM WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE SITUATION, AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE GROWERS ARE GOING TO MOAN, GROAN, AND COMPLAIN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE GETTING CHEAP LABOR FROM ANY SOURCE. HOWEVER, DO NOT LET THIS MOANING, GROANING AND COMPLAINING UPSET YOU BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE THESE VERY THINGS.

IN THE MEANWHILE AFTER SOME TIME HAS ELAPSED AND THE GROWERS REALIZE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE CHEAP LABOR, THERE WILL BE A HAPPY MEDIUM BETWEEN THE MAJORITY OF THE GROWERS AND WORKERS.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR VERY FINE DEPARTMENT A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR, I REMAIN

YOURS VERY TRULY

HECTOR P. GARCIA, MD

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