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TO: The Ad Hoc Coalition on Immigration

FROM: *[Signature]* Raul Yzaguirre, National Director

RE: June 3, 1976 Meeting to Discuss the Status of Establishing a Permanent Advisory Committee on Spanish-Speaking Affairs to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

DATE: 5/26/76

Please make a special note on your calendar to attend a meeting of the Ad Hoc Coalition on Immigration participants.

Date: June 3, 1976 (Thursday)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: National Council of La Raza
15th & L Sts., N.W.
Fourth Floor

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the current status of the Permanent Advisory Committee on Spanish-Speaking Affairs to INS.

As you know, the top priority of the Ad Hoc Coalition's efforts has been the establishment of the Advisory Committee. Mr. E.B. Duarte, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of INS has informed us that on May 14, 1976 the Department of Justice approved INS's proposal to establish the Advisory Committee.

The proposal has now been referred to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Honorable James T. Lynn, Director. The Associate Director for Management and Operations, Mr. Fernando Qaxaca, will review the proposal for the Director of OMB and make an expected favorable recommendation. It is expected that OMB will approve the proposal by the end of May at the latest. After this, the Notice of Establishment and Proposed Charter will be published in the Federal Register for public comment. Approximately 45 days after the publication in the Federal Register, the selection of 15 members to the Advisory Committee will be announced by INS.

During the selection period, the Ad Hoc Coalition on Immigration and other local and national groups involved in immigration issues will be requested to submit names of potential Advisory Committee members. Selection of the membership will be determined

by INS from the list of solicited names.

The Ad Hoc Coalition needs to meet and develop a slate of about 20 potential candidates to the Advisory Committee which can be unanimously supported by all quarters of the Spanish-speaking community. Therefore, your input at this meeting is of paramount importance.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or send a representative, please telephone or mail in your recommendations and/or suggestions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Cosme Barcelo or my staff at (202) 659-1251.