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MEXICAN AMERICAN GROUPS IN WASHINGTON D.C. ARE MEETING TOMORROW TUESDAY AUG 22, 1972 WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS DEPUTY IN REFERENCE TO THE MAJORITY TO MINORITY TRANSFER AND THE NEED FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION.

"RASSA" NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPANISH SURNAMED AMERICANS THE LULAC AND THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF THE U.S. AND OTHER NATIONAL AND WASHINGTON ORGANIZATIONS AND KEY LEADERS TO ASK THE U.S. ATTORNEY TO IMMEDIATELY ASSIST MEXICAN AMERICAN AND BLACK CHILDREN UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT 1964 TITLE IV SECTION 407.

THESE MEXICAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS FORUM, LULACS, AND RASSA, ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FACT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REFUSED TO TAKE ACTION LAST YEAR ON THE SAME REQUEST OF TRANSPORTATION SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD INTERVENED ON THE SIDE OF THE C.C.I.S.D.

NOW THAT THE ISSUE HAS BEEN CLARIFIED THEY WANT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ACTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DO EVERYTHING LEGAL AGAINST THE C.C.I.S.D. FOR THEIR VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF MEXICAN AMERICANS AND BLACKS.

LAST YEAR THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THEIR BRIEF SIGNED BY DAVID L NORMAL ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIAN LANDSBERG DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE PRESENTED THEIR BRIEF IN FAVOR THE THE C.C.IS.D. AND AGAINST THE POOR MEXICAN AMERICANS.

THEFIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS "CHASTISED THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL" UNDER THE HEADING OF INTERVENORS THIS IS WHAT THE FIFTH CIRCUIT SAID: PAGE 2 PARAGRPH 2 & 3.

" WE TURN NOW BRIEFLY TO THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE INVITED INTERVERNOR IN THIS CASE. ESSENTIALLY, IT ARGUES THAT WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH DE FACTO SEGREGATION WITH "MAYBE SOMETHING MORE THAN ISOLATED DISCRIMINATION." THE INTERVENOR CONTRASTS THIS WITH TRADITIONAL DUALISM WHERE THE SEGREGATION IS SYSTEM WIDE BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THE LAW REQUIRED, AND THUS THE REMEDY HAD TO BE SYSTEM WIDE. BUT HERE, IT IS SUGGESTED, THE REMEDY SHOULD BE APPLIED ONLY TO THE AREAS WHICH HAVE BECOME SEGREGATED BY BOARD ACTION.

SUCH AN APPROACH IS UNTENABLE HERE IN VIEW OF OUR HOLDING THAT OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CORPUS CHRISTI ARE THE VICTIMS OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL ETHNIC AND RACIAL SEGREGATION. THERE IS ESTABLISHED HERE AN OVERWHELMING PATTERN OF UNLAWFUL SEGREGATION THAT HAS INFECTED THE ENTIRE SCHOOL SYSTEM. TO SELECT OTHER THAN A SYSTEM-WIDE REMEDY WOULD BE TO IGNORE SYSTEM-WIDE DISCRIMINATION AND MAKE CONVERSION TO A UNITARY SYSTEM IMPOSSIBLE.

~~SECRET~~ A RENEWAL OF LAST YEAR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN SEND TO THE U.S. ATTORNEYGNERAL OFFICE WHICH LAST YEAR WAS SIGNED BY EIGHT FAMILIES FRO M C.C. CHRISTI. WE ARE ASKING FOR A REVERSALA* OF THEIR POSITION AND TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE .C.I.LSD.