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Dear Dr. Cardenas:

This is in reply to your request of March 2, 1977, regarding the status of the districts in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas included in the Lau compliance effort.

The answers are addressed to each one of your inquiries in the same order as your letter:

1. The on-site reports of the fifteen districts visited, fourteen in Texas and one in Louisiana, have been finished. The letters of findings have been drafted but, to date, have not been cleared by the Branch Chiefs and the Office of the General Counsel. Since these letters have not been mailed to the districts, it would be inappropriate for us to give you the specific status of each one regarding their compliance with Title VI and the Lau Remedies. However, we can say that a substantial number of the districts reviewed are in probable noncompliance with Title VI/Lau.
2. No Lau investigative activity, to date, has taken place for the remaining 45 Texas school districts included in the Lau compliance effort.
3. The only Lau district identified in Louisiana, Jefferson Parish, was reviewed on-site, as explained above. There were no districts in Arkansas included in the Fall 1974 Lau compliance effort.
4. At present, six Texas Lau districts have been tentatively identified for on-site review commencing in either April or May, 1977. These districts are:

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Camutillo
El Paso
Fabens

Mercedes
Pearson
Roma

We anticipate that the Lau review activity will be increased for FY78. In all probability the 46 Texas districts initially identified will be included in next year's enforcement activities. We will advise you upon completion of our Annual Operating Plan.

Enclosed is a list of the Texas and Louisiana districts included in the Lau compliance effort and their status regarding completion of on-site reports, letters of findings and projected future on-site investigations.

Sincerely yours,

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Director
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Enclosure

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Districts Included in Law Compliance Efforts

1. Status of the 14 districts in Texas which were reviewed on-site in April and May, 1976, for the Law compliance effort.

<u>District</u>	<u>Remst Written</u>	<u>Letter Drafted</u>
Brownsville	Yes	Yes
Bryan	"	"
Coryus Christi	"	"
Ector County	"	"
Floresville	"	"
Killeen	"	"
Laredo	"	"
Lubbock	"	"
Mathes	"	"
New Braunfels	"	"
San Benito	"	"
Seguin	"	"
Southwest	"	"
Yoleta	"	"

2. Status of the additional 43 Texas districts included in the Law compliance effort.

E & S Education Branch, Area I
John A. Bell, Chief

	<u>Current Status</u>
Aldine	No <u>Law</u> investigation to date.
Alice	"
Austin	"
Brazosport	"
Eagle Pass	"
Edgewood	"
Edinburg	"
El Campo	"
Fort Bend	"
Fort Worth	"
Galveston	"
Cosna Creek	"
Gregory-Portland	"
Harlandale	"
Kingsville	"
**Mercedes	"
North East	"

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	Current Status
Incident	No <u>Lau</u> investigation to date.
**Correll	"
Herrera Juan-Alamo	"
Pleasanton	"
Raymondville	"
Robstown	"
**Roma	"
San Antonio	"
Sinton	"
South San Antonio	"
Spring Branch	"
Tate	"
Waco	"
Weslaco	"
West Gro	"
Houston	"
TOTAL 33	

E & S Education Branch, Area II
Gilbert Herrera, Chief

	Current Status
Amarillo	No <u>Lau</u> investigation to date.
**Camutillo	"
Dallas	"
**El Paso	"
**Fabens	"
Garland	"
Grand Prairie	"
Hereford	"
Irving	"
Yocco-Barstow	"
Plainsview	"
Wichita Falls	"
TOTAL 12	
TOTAL OF BOTH BRANCHES 45	

3. Current status of Louisiana and Arkansas LEA's in terms of Lau.

Louisiana

Only Jefferson Parish was included in the list. An on-site review was conducted; the report was written and the letter of findings drafted.

Arkansas

No districts in Arkansas were included in the Fall 1974 Lau compliance effort.

**Projected OCR activities regarding the Lau compliance effort, April/May on-site reviews scheduled.