

MEXICAN-AMERICAN JOINT CONFERENCE

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Dr. Harry Ransom, Chancellor  
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Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Dr. Ransom:

On May 18, 1967 I raised the question with you, of the discriminatory effect of the University's entrance examination, as it affected minority groups. I was then informed that the matter was being referred to a subordinate study group, with the implication that I would be informed of their findings. To this date, I have had no word from the Administration on this matter.

The Mexican-American and Negro "minorities" represent some 2 million effective votes in Texas politics. It would be unfortunate if those votes were incited against what, certainly, is a discriminatory operation as to their acceptance at the University. While I would want no part of such an operation, I am constantly pressured to "do something about it."

Dr. Ransom, the entrance examinations are unrealistic and discriminatory. As has been shown at both the undergraduate and graduate levels (Harvard, for instance), these entrance tests have little correlation with intellectual achievement.

As Chairman of the Joint Conference of Mexican-American Organizations, I would appreciate an explanation.

Sincerely yours,

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