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Dear Dr. Garcia:

My name is Manuel Ramirez and I am a Photojournalism and Sociology student at the University of Texas at Austin.

I realized the historical significance of the Farm-workers March to Austin and I decided to document it in color and black-and-white still photography.

I started to take pictures from the beginning of the march in the Valley on to Kingsville and Corpus Christi. In Corpus I took some pictures of you at the Boys Club and at the rally prior to leaving Corpus.

I followed the march daily from Corpus Christi to San Antonio and I plan to follow it from San Antonio until it ends in Austin.

I did not anticipate the great quantity of film that was required to record such an endeavor nor the cost of processing the film. But I went ahead realizing the great loss that would occur to the history of our people if such an event was not recorded.

I now find myself in some financial need to conclude the last chapter of this Odyssey and to process the film. The G.I. Forum representative in the march, Ruben Garcia, has suggested that I write to you for help.

I will appreciate any help that can be given. The significance of this documentation can ultimately end in the form of a book of photographs or a slide show that can be used by schools or civic organizations.

The importance is that it be recorded. I have enclosed an itemized list of the areas where help is needed. Again, any help that can be given in any area will be most appreciated.

En la causa.

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Projected cost of Black & White

\$56.15	Film Tri-X
\$24.00	Chemicals
\$48.00	Photographic paper
<u>\$128.15</u>	Total of black and white project

Projected cost of Color Slides

\$153.60	Needed now to take out 32 processed rolls
\$123.75	Needed to buy and process 15 rolls
\$ 74.80	Needed to pay debt of 22 rolls
<u>\$352.15</u>	Total cost of color slide project

Each roll of Kodachrome 64, 36 exp. costs \$3.40 and to process it the cost is \$4.85 making it a total of \$8.25 to buy and process one roll of color film. The price is high but the results are very good.