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ALBERT R. GARCIA

11/07/77

Dear Herman:

For your information.

LIONEL VAN DEERLIN  
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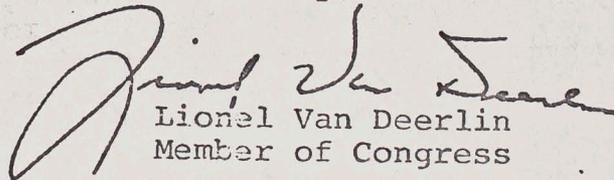
Dear Mr. Rains:

The Ku Klux Klan's visit to the San Ysidro border has received far more attention than most of us would like to have seen given them. I think your assessment was quite correct when you stated that they came for publicity and received just that.

Your letter to the Mayor gives a detailed account of the action that was incorrectly interpreted by some as a friendly gesture to the Ku Klux Klan by the Border Patrol. I don't blame you one bit for being angry about what happened.

The entire staff at the San Ysidro Port of Entry has my respect in the way the matter was handled, including a careful watch on the protest march held on Saturday. The skill of your offices was most certainly demonstrated in dealing with this group clearly harboring some hostility to your agency. Please accept my compliments and thanks.

Sincerely,

  
Lionel Van Deerlin  
Member of Congress

Mr. Ruben R. Rains  
Supervisory Immigration Inspector  
San Ysidro Port of Entry  
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Dear Pete,

The Stamp Out Crime Crusade heartily endorses your expressed distaste for the Ku Klux Klan and its activities relating to our border. We feel that no good can come from their presence, and the potential for serious problems should not be underestimated.

We find distressing, however, your focusing on the personnel working at the border as a source of the problem. It is our understanding that the appointment for the tour was made without anyone's being aware what the group consisted of.

We are aware also that any citizen is entitled to the very same kind of tour as part of open government.

The Stamp Out Crime Crusade as a group has been invited to participate in just such a tour, and our president took several tours this past summer, visiting with Immigration, Customs, Border Patrol and other border-related agencies. There is no question but that you as an individual, and the Council as a whole if they so chose, could be escorted through the area to learn first hand the operations of border agencies, and the related problems.

As long as the Constitution and its 1st and 14th Amendments are still in force, we must tolerate all kinds of people we may consider odd, having the same rights as the rest of us. We have every confidence that should municipal codes, state or federal laws be violated by the Klan, our police and other law enforcement agencies will deal appropriately with the offenders.

Cordially,  
