



AD HOC COMMITTEE
ON



CHICANO RIGHTS

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Dear Friend,

Enclosed is a packet of information which is being mailed to various local, state and national groups alerting them of an Immigration and Naturalization Service door to door survey.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service's survey which is being done by a consultant firm called REYES & Associates in our opinion establishes a "dangerous precedent" and poses a massive threat to the Civil and Constitutional rights of all persons in this democratic society. It is our hope that this packet will provide you with the information needed to inform your organization of the danger posed to our respective communities

If you are in need of further information, please feel free to call me at (714) 474-8195.

Respectively Yours,

Herman Baca

Herman Baca, Chairman

cc: Newsmedia
Political Representatives
Political & Social Organizations

So it expects to just ask

Gov't wants to know how illegals live

Illegal aliens in the South Bay may soon find citizen researchers knocking on their doors asking questions about how they live in this country.

If San Diego County is included — and it almost certainly will be — it will be part of a \$750,000 comprehensive survey of illegal aliens' impact on the country's 12 most populous states announced this week by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

THE PROPOSAL has drawn mixed reactions from county Chicano spokesman. National City's Herman Baca, president of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chicano Rights, called the survey "totally improper," citing the constitutional question — ability of asking illegal aliens to incriminate themselves by answering questions.

But a North County Chicano spokesman said the survey could prove useful as long as it wasn't used to harass people of foreign ancestry. However, he added doubts that many people residing in the county illegally would volunteer information. Besides, "many are living in ditches, in caves or on the fields," he said.

The INS has contracted with a Washington,

D.C., research firm to conduct the two-phase survey beginning in February.

MADE POSSIBLE by a \$1 million congressional appropriation for alien impact studies, the survey is an attempt to gather accurate estimates of the illegal alien population and to assess their contributions and drains to the economy.

Previous statistics — admittedly INS "guesstimates" — put the county alien population at 90,000 and between 6-8 million nationwide.

The survey, INS officials hope, may also help the agency's image.

The INS, a spokesman said, is often accused of using inflated figures. But both officials and researchers agree the survey will be no easy task.

The survey is planned in two phases, with about 100,000 households in 12 states to be checked. First, researchers will pick cities in the survey states: California, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts, Indiana and North Carolina.

PHASE ONE will involve random surveys in all

areas of each city to test the widely-held belief that illegal aliens tend to live in areas already occupied by their ethnic group.

In phase two, researchers will concentrate on neighborhoods that show a high number of illegal aliens.

The research firm, J.A. Reyes Associates, hopes to recruit community residents and organization who speak the language of the aliens to conduct the questioning.

Questions will include how long the aliens have lived in the country, how they entered, job status, number in the family and whether they send their children to public school, pay taxes and receive social services.

The data will be considered not just for impact on social services, but on housing, public transportation, road use, development of ghettos and other social effects.

Both the INS and the research firm said none of the survey's raw data — names, addresses, occupations — will be made available to the INS.

Spokesmen added the survey will include a variety of alien populations, including Mexican, Polish, Irish and Asian.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM

To: All groups, organizations and individuals concerned with
Civil and Constitutional Rights.
From: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
Re: Proposed Immigration and Naturalization Service door to door survey.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has announced a door to door survey under the cover of determining how many so called "Illegal Aliens" reside in the United States.

The Survey will be conducted in the following states: CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, ILLINOIS, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN, FLORIDA, MASSACHUSETTES, INDIANA, and NORTH CAROLINA and will affect the following communities; MEXICAN, CANADIAN, ITALIAN, PILIPINO, JAMACIAN, COLUMBIAN, IRISH and DUTCH.

According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service proposal, J. A. REYES & ASSOCIATES has been contracted to conduct the interviews with the aid of local organizations in their respective communities. These include church related agencies such as the Catholic Migration Service, Poverty and Model Cities Programs such as One Stop Immigration, community based organizations and womens groups.

OUR POSITION

.....is admantly opposed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service door to door survey for the following reasons:

- (1) The survey is in our opinion a misappropriation of public funds by Congress and a rip-off of the taxpayers monies by a self serving vested interest beauracracy (the Immigration and Naturalization Service) which is attempting to justify and inlarge its law enforcement budget.
- (2) The survey will not accomplish the objective of identifying the number of so called "Illegal Aliens" and there impact on social services. Experts in the field of Immigration have stated this and have raised serious questions about the survey's reliability, appropriateness and validity due to its unscientific methodology.
- (3) The survey smacks of Nazi tactics and is uncalled for in a democratic society. The survey appears to be a scheme by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to turn neighbor against neighbor, brother against brother and friend against friend.

- (4) Civil laws such as the Privacy Act and Constitutional rights such as the right to be free from self-incrimination (the 5th Amendment) and Equal protection under the law and due process (the 14th Amendment) will be indanger of violation.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

.....If you agree that the Immigration and Naturalizations survey is dangerous to a democratic society and is a threat to everyones Civil and Constitutional rights, we urge you to please communicate to your respective communities the following:

- (1) that individuals have a right not to cooperate with the interviewers.
- (2) urge community organizations and social agencies not to participate by becoming interviewers for the Immigration and Naturalization Service thru J.A. REYES & ASSOCIATES.
- (3) refer this information to community members and other members of the community whom you feel should be informed of this survey.
- (4) send letters to President elect Jimmy Carter and your Congressman requesting immediate cessation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service J. A. REYES & ASSOCIATES survey.
- (5) initiate legal action when ever necessary.

For further information regarding the above actions and survey, please contact the Ad Hoc Committee On Chicano Rights, 1837 Highland Ave., National City, Ca 92050 or call (714) 474-8195.

WE WANT TO HELP

- Please provide us with packets of information so that we can inform our communities.

Enclose is our organization endorsement to stop the I. N.S. REYES & ASSOCIATES survey.

Enclose is my donation of \$ _____ to help defray cost.

SEND ALL REPLIES TO:

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