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Office of Professional
Responsibility

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San Diego, Ca. 92112

Dear Mr. ██████████:

As per our telephone conversation on 6/7/83, I am writing on behalf of our client, Mr. ██████████, to give the pertinent facts regarding an incident which occurred over the last weekend.

In your role as an investigative officer, we feel that its important that you put into motion the initial steps towards the dismissal of officers who feel that their position gives them the right to verbally and physically abuse the persons they come into contact with. The officer in question went far beyond the allowable parameters of the required decent treatment called for in a public-oriented service. I'm sure that your Agency would prefer to handle this matter internally vs. having us take this and other documented incidents to legislators and the media.

Date and time: 9:30 p.m., June 3, 1983

Place: San Ysidro Checkpoint, I.N.S. screening.

Our Client: ██████████ (he can be reached c/o the Chicano Federation)

The Officer in question: ██████████

Description of the incident: On the day and time indicated, our client, accompanied by his brother ██████████, his wife ██████████, and his two children, ages 8 and 4, was sent to I.N.S. screening because his brother, ██████████, had to undergo further form-filling even though he already had a passport and visa in his possession. Upon entering the I.N.S. screening area, Mr. ██████████ and another officer were chatting about gardening, all the while using a



great number of cusswords even though Mr. [REDACTED]'s children were in the room. After about 15 minutes of this, Mr. [REDACTED] went up to the two officer and asked what papers they had to fill to get his brother the necessary permits. Mr. [REDACTED] replied tersely that "they would have to talk to him." Then Mr. [REDACTED] asked for [REDACTED] to come up to the counter. [REDACTED], who is 6' 4", came up, gave Mr. [REDACTED] his papers, then leaned on the counter. Mr. [REDACTED] then loudly told [REDACTED] to "stand up straight!" Mr. [REDACTED] pushed him away from the counter, then said, "Jesus Christ! These people can't even stand up straight!"

Mr. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] he needed more documentation, [REDACTED] went to the car to get it. In the meantime, Mr. [REDACTED] waited in the screening room while Mr. [REDACTED] attended to two couple from Guatemala. Mr. [REDACTED] took 5 minutes to meticulously inspect every item in one lady's purse. The same lady didn't say anything, but did roll her eyes to her husband. Mr. [REDACTED] then told her that is she didn't like it, she "could go back to Guatemala!" Her husband then asked Mr. [REDACTED] why he yelled at his wife for no reason. Mr. [REDACTED] told him to "Go outside and shut-up!" Needless to say, the gentleman did as he was told.

Mr. [REDACTED]'s brother, upon his return, was attended to without further incident.

The Chicano Federation sees no reason why a family and the individuals involved should be subjected to this sort of humiliating abuse. Mr. [REDACTED]'s children have displayed negative after-effects since the incident.

The overt racism and disregard for human dignity displayed by Mr. [REDACTED] has no place in the I.N.S. or any other branch of the government which involves public contact. We expect that the action which will be taken in this case will fit the offense.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. Please address any correspondence or calls on this matter to our Central Office.

Sincerely,

Juan Castellanos
Community Services Specialist

cc: [REDACTED], Commissioner, I.N.S.
[REDACTED], Regional Director, Office of Professional Responsibility
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]