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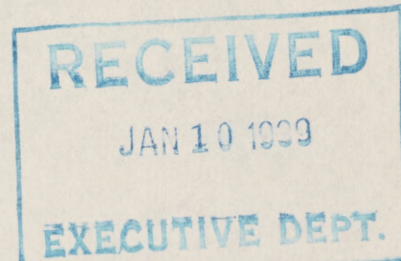
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January 4, 1939

The Honorable  
James V. Allred  
Governor, State of Texas  
Austin, Texas



Dear Governor Allred:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24 addressed to Mr. Hopkins, requesting an emergency relief grant from Works Progress Administration funds for unemployed pecan workers in San Antonio, Texas.

This Administration has been greatly concerned over the situation affecting pecan shellers in San Antonio. On December 29 we authorized Mr. H. P. Drought, State Administrator, to employ an additional 1800 persons in San Antonio, with the understanding that this increased quota would apply to unemployed pecan shellers.

It is our understanding that many of the unemployed pecan shellers are Mexican aliens, whom, under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938, we cannot employ. The Works Progress Administration has not made any grants to any state or community for direct relief. With the limited funds available for the operation of our program at the present time, any grants of funds for direct relief would necessitate our making further reductions in employment. We do not anticipate making any grants for direct relief.

Yours very truly,

*V. B. Hastings*  
Administrator



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