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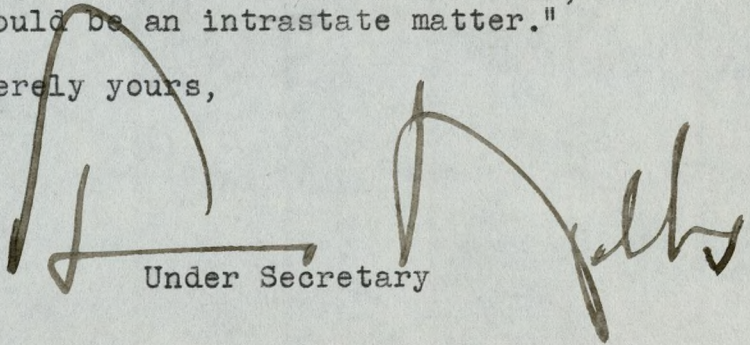
My dear Mr. Perales:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 26, 1943, transmitting a copy of House Bill no. 68 which you state is now before the Texas Legislature, and requesting me to express my opinion thereon for circulation among the members of that body.

As you are aware, I am sincerely interested in the development of understanding and mutual appreciation between our citizens of varying racial backgrounds, and I have actively encouraged a number of measures to this end for the special benefit of citizens and residents from the other American republics. I feel, however, that in the present case I must ask to be excused from making a statement for the use mentioned in your letter, and must reiterate the statement which I made under similar circumstances in my letter to you of May 3, 1941, which you quoted in your letter under reference, as follows:

"The Bill is pending before the State Legislature of Texas and it would seem to be for determination by that Legislature whether it will take favorable action upon it in as much as the enforcement of the Bill, if enacted into law, would be an intrastate matter."

Sincerely yours,



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