



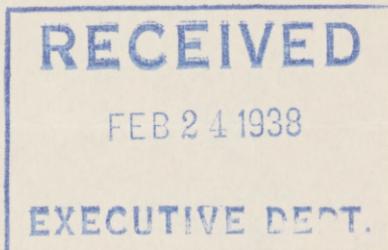
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Honorable James V. Allred
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Allred:

Complying with your letter requesting an investigation into the pecan shelling situation in San Antonio, Texas, I beg leave to quote you herewith from a letter this day received from Dr. A.M. Clarkson, State Epidemiologist. Mr. Brock, Director of Food and Drugs Bureau, has his men in San Antonio, and as their reports come in, I shall submit them to you.

" Pursuant to your orders of February 21 I went to San Antonio, Texas, with Mr. Fred D. Brock, Director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs, to collect the following itemized data in your instructions to me:

1. Whether the case of Maria Gonzales as pictured in Volume I, Focus Magazine, is an isolated case or whether it is possible for this condition to be general.
2. What percentage of pecan shellers have health certificates at the present time.
3. Are health certificates obtained from private physicians or public health authorities?
4. How often are the pecan shellers examined and what is the nature of the examination?
5. Are any of the examined subjects given a Wasserman test for syphilis and is the examination supported by laboratory report showing the result of the Wasserman test?
6. Whether any other cases of syphilis have been discovered among workers in any of these pecan shellers."

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