



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C., 20250

Honorable W. R. Poage
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Poage:

As you recently requested, we have secured additional detailed information on each of the needy public schools selected by the Texas Education Agency to participate in the school demonstration school lunch projects this past year. As indicated in the attachment to our letter of June 20, these demonstration projects were funded with the State's share of the \$2 million appropriated by the Congress this past year.

Overall, the State's achievement is quite impressive although the expected results were not realized in a few individual schools. Your attention is called to the increase in the number of children participating in the lunch programs after special assistance funds were provided, the substantial increase in lunches provided free or at reduced price to needy children and the fact that lunch programs were started in five schools providing lunches to 1,600 children for the first time.

We trust this additional detailed information will meet your purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Rodney E. Leonard
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure