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DATE:

March 14, 1991

TO:

Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director

Washington County Community

Action Organization

FROM:

Gustavo Wilson

Acting Manager

SUBJECT:

FARMWORKER INCREASE

DEPARTMENT OF

HUMAN

RESOURCES

State Community Services Office of the Director

Two years ago (when migrant farmworker populations arrived early for harvest activities, crops were late and the impact of IRCA was first being felt) your agency played an active role in providing and coordinating services to that population. It appears that the farmworker population in Oregon again is arriving in advance of the harvest and in large numbers. It also appears as though many laborers are bringing their families and may intend to stay in the State.

State Community Services would like to work with you and delegate agencies in other counties impacted by this population to:

- -Closely monitor the growth, characteristics, demographics and needs of farm labor populations;
- -Develop cooperative strategies for addressing those populations' immediate needs;
- -Establish longer-range strategies which will assist farmworkers who are settling out to stabilize within their new communities.

To accomplish these goals I would like to meet with you or a representative of your agency at 10.00 am on March 26, 1991 at State Community Services. Representatives from other effected community action and limited purpose agencies also are being asked to attend this meeting.

Please contact me at 378-4729 to confirm your attendance.

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