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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

TO: News Media, 15th Congressional District

FROM: Washington, D C -- Congressman Kika de la Garza's Office

DATE: September 28, 1967

Congressman de la Garza is still in the South Texas disaster area, working to bring every possible assistance as quickly as possible to victims of hurricane Beulah and the devastating floods that followed. Several days before he left Washington last Thursday, having followed the destructive progress of the hurricane by short wave radio, he had alerted federal agencies that disaster assistance on a massive scale would be essential. Now, although telephone communications have been difficult, Mr de la Garza has instructed his Washington office to send to local officials throughout South Texas full information about the significance of a major disaster designation and about federal aid available to an area so designated. This has been done. Disaster assistance operations by federal agencies have been under way since before the hurricane hit. They are certain to be greatly intensified. The Congressman has made it clear that he is giving absolutely top priority to pushing for the utmost possible aid to the people of South Texas in this dire emergency. He is traveling throughout the devastated area, thus personally getting a clear picture of the extent of the need. The Congressman and his office will continue to stay closely in touch with all federal agencies that are possible sources of help. This blow, hard as it is, will not down South Texas. When the Congressman returns to Washington he will resume his regular weekly newsletter.

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