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WASHINGTON,Congressman E de la Garza, D-Tex., Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Government Operations, said today his Subcommittee has postponed a hearing which had been scheduled for February 6 on the planned consolidation of U. S. Department of Agriculture field offices.

The delaying of the hearing, said Congressman de la Garza, has been necessitated by illness of Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell, who has been vitally involved in the drafting of the Department's proposed "one stop centers" program.

"This is a very important matter," commented Congressman de la Garza, "because we want to be sure that in whatever relocation of offices that may be ordered they don't make it actually more inconvenient to farmers and ranchers to get the services they need. So, in order to accommodate the Department and be sure we get authoritative information, we will postpone the hearing until such time as Mr. Campbell or someone of his rank can testify."

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