17 April 1914

His Excellency,

O. E. Colquitt, Governor.

Capitol.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that while the greatest courtesy has been shown in all negotiations looking to the return of the Vergara horses, the tangible results accomplished, and the outlook for results to be accomplished is any thing but satisfactory.

As previously reported one horse was turned over to me and delivered to Vergara's heirs.

On April 8th the Mexican Consul at Eagle Pass notified me that he had four more horses for delivery. When Captain Sanders applied for them, but two were turned over, the claim being made that the brands on the other two did not correspond with the description furnished.

When the two horses received by Captain Sanders were proffered to the Vergara heirs at Laredo, they were refused as not being Vergara's stock.

It occurs to me that all the horses having been seen in the custody of federal troops at Hidalgo, that the Mexican government should have no trouble in identifying them. If in the stress of campaign they have been killed, or if from a military standpoint it is impracticable to get them to the border, then their fair value should be paid in recompense.

The directions of Your Excellency are requested.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

The Adjutant General.