

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington 25, D.C.

April 27, 1962

Honorable Robert J. Dole  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Dole:

This acknowledges your letter of April 20, 1962, in which you suggest that instructions previously given USDA employees to present the Administration's view of farm policies and programs be immediately withdrawn.

Attached are copies of a memorandum of January 24, 1962 issued by Carl B. Barnes, Director of Personnel, to heads of our Department agencies, and a copy of a notice (PM-164) issued to offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service by Mr. R. P. Beach, Deputy Administrator for Management. It will be noted that both of these memorandums merely transmitted Mr. Macy's memorandum, which stated that career employees could explain the position of the Administration on proposed legislation before interested public groups, and contained no instructions to do so.

We have issued to the heads of our agencies a memorandum (copy attached) informing them that Mr. Macy has deleted from his earlier memorandum the sentence: "Aware of these implications, however, the career official may explain the position of the Administration in the proposed legislation before interested public groups." The agencies are directed to revise any previous instruction accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Joe Robertson

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