This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NEWS from
U.S. Senator Bob Dole
(R.—Kans.) New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6521

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

GRAIN TERMINAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

NOVEMBER 15, 1978

Mr. Malusky, and members of the GTA, you have honored me by inviting me to your convention. I believe that this convention should be an historic one--one of dedication to the high ideals of a great American--Hubert Horatio Humphrey. He was a long-time friend of this cooperative, and to all of agriculture. I shall always treasure the true friendship and mutual respect which we, on opposite sides of the political aisle, had for each other. I felt so deeply about this great and warm human being that I considered it essential to honor him in life.

HUMPHREY BUILDING

I originated and circulated a piece of legislation co-sponsored by every U.S. Senator--a first in Senatorial history--to name the HEW Building in Washington, D.C. as the Hubert H. Humphrey Building. It was a proud moment for me to sit on the platform with Hubert Horatio Humphrey when the appropriate ceremonies changed the name of that building permanently.

I also had the great pleasure to chair a special food and agriculture committee to organize and help raise funds for an agricultural program at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. This program will help assure and maintain an emphasis on food and agriculture developments throughout the world, and is especially concerned with the advancement of all phases of food production, marketing and distribution with special consideration for the continuance of the family farm concept.

I feel this is a fitting memorial to Senator Humphrey. I discussed it with him, and he was extremely pleased because of his concern for the future of agriculture and the American farmer.

It was our belief that the United States can help provide food to the hungry people of the world through our Food for Peace Program(P.O. 480) and other programs, and, at the same time, assist the lesser developed nations in their ability to produce more food themselves. Such efforts will provide expanded markets for our agricultural commodities and help assure a viable American agriculture by improving farm income.

Hubert was a man of great courage--courage to meet the challenges of his own personal problems and yet fix his eyes on the future. Conventional wisdom was something he listened to, and then attempted to improve. New ideas, new ways of doing things and new challenges to be met and overcome were always part of his makeup. He never feared the unknown. This nation and every farm family will always owe Hubert Horatio Humphrey an immense debt of gratitude.

As a fellow American who is dedicated to this nation, and the agriculture which helps make it great, I want to thank President Malusky and Chairman Gordon Matheson of Montana and the rest of GTA's Board of Directors for their dynamic leadership and dedication.

Your influence reaches far beyond your basic states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana; your influence and prestige are national, as indeed your own business involvement is becoming. I understand you now also have facilities and services in Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon, Missouri, and even in Georgia and Texas. Your Board is to be commended for the foresight and courage in carrying your producer-member interests into processing and export marketing.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

I know of your close ties with farmers of my state, in your joint marketing activities with Far-Mar-Co., headquartered in Kansas. We in Kansas share mutual concerns with farm producers of the entire Midwest, and the rest of the nation. We welcome your vision and leadership, and the vital role you and other great regional cooperatives are filling for the American farmer.

I know how closely you and Hubert Humphrey were aligned together in the forefront of repeated fights for the well-being of agriculture. For many years his talks to your annual convention became keystones to evolving farm policy. You have helped give us other effective voices for American agriculture, such as the veteran farm statesman, Milt Young, from North Dakota and Senator George McGovern, of neighboring South Dakota.

When it comes to preserving the family farm, and providing better equality of economic opportunity for agriculture, there can be no political boundaries.

Agricultural politics, traditionally, cuts across the lines of other party politics. That's why Hubert Humphrey and I could work together in your interests. That's why George McGovern and I still work closely together in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Farm people like their independence. They can't be taken for granted by either political party--and shouldn't be. When that does happen, farmers have a way of bluntly reminding politicians they don't like being ignored, or neglected.

We've just had an election across the nation. As I look at the results in the Midwest, I think farmers did some of that reminding. They sent a message to Washington--along with some new Members of Congress, and some new Governors.

FREE EXPRESSION

In this republic there is a basic need for free expression by the people--especially farm people--a shrinking proportion of our population. I want to assure you that my office has always been open to considering the views of the GTA. With roots in the soil of America, this organization must and does participate actively in policy discussions and in making recommendations to your government representatives.

More importantly, however, our objectives have coincided. As people dedicated to doing what is best for America, we believe in doing what is in the interest of American agriculture. From somewhat differing points of view we arrive at common objectives. Basically, we are trying to find better ways to enable the farmers and ranchers who create the bounty we all enjoy to share more fully in that which they create.

You and I share common beliefs, goals, and dreams. We both want to strengthen American agriculture. We both want to increase the income to our farmers. We both want the farmer to receive a fair return on his investment. We seek to provide new opportunities for young people to enter farming. We are dedicated to the family farm as the backbone of our agricultural production system. We seek to maintain a healthy agriculture--one that is economically efficient and productive and free from unnecessary regulations.

Those of us in Congress, and especially those of us in leadership positions on the Agriculture Committee, Senators Young, Talmadge, Bellmon, and myself and Congressmen Sebelius, Foley, Andrews, and Whitten, have the responsibility for developing legislation to achieve positive and necessary goals.

TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES

Under our tax laws, the federal government provides a subsidy for most business firms by allowing them a credit against their federal income taxes of 10% of the price of the purchase of depreciable property. However, because cooperatives are taxed somewhat differently because they are allowed to deduct certain payments made to patrons, cooperatives are not allowed full investment tax credit. However, because I believe that co-ops make a significant contribution to the American economy, particularly in the agricultural sector, I sponsored an amendment that is included in the recently passed Tax bill which would allow cooperatives to claim the investment tax credit to the same extent that it is available to other taxpayers.

The capital needs of cooperatives to help finance their expansion and modernization, plus this reduced level of investment tax credit available to cooperatives have hindered their growth and reduced the amount of patronage distributions.

My amendment had wide support in the Congress but because it was opposed by the Administration it was a fight to have it included in the new legislation. Now under the new law, cooperatives will be permitted to use the investment tax credit to the same extent as corporations. The increased tax credit for cooperatives makes sense and I believe it will provide a needed benefit to the agriculture community.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUMPHREY -HAWKINS BILL

The President has now signed the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. This bill set goals for the U.S. economy in such areas as unemployment and inflation. The bill originally called for a comprehensive agricultural policy, but did not set real goals.

I was concerned that there was nothing in the Humphrey-Hawkins bill that set a goal to bring agriculture up to par with the rest of the economy. With Al Quie's suggestion in the House and my support in the Senate, "full parity for farmers," was added to the bill.

This addition to the bill indicated that the agricultural policy should include a goal to assure, "farm and ranch income at full parity levels that will improve opportunities for farm families, encourage production, provide for essential capital investment in farming, and provide for farm product prices at full parity in the marketplace."

Full parity is now established as a national economic objective. When the President sets his policies, he will have to take into consideration the goal of full parity income for families and full parity for farm product prices in the marketplace, at the same time that we are striving towards the goal of 3% inflation and 4% unemployment.

NET FARM INCOME

I asked my staff to pull together data on realized net farm income for many of the states represented here today. The data comes from a recently issued USDA publication, entitled "State Farm Income Statistics." The latest available figures were for 1977, and the data are shocking. Let me list the drop in realized net farm income by states for 1977, as compared with the 1973-1974 average: Minnesota - minus 40%; Iowa - minus 67%; N. Dakota - minus 80%; S. Dakota - minus 71%; Nebraska - minus 65%; Montana - minus 63%.

Farmers deserve a better break than President Carter and Secretary Bergland are providing. I can assure you of one thing--Bob Dole will fight to get that better break for you.

American agriculture is the envy of the world; and American farmers and American ranchers have made possible a level of nutrition and abundance for our people that is unparalleled in history. At the same time, millions of people abroad are eating better through U.S. farm exports and through the Food for Peace Program.

The basis for this success--and its promise for the future--lies with the family farm. It can and must be preserved, in the best interests of all Americans and the nation's welfare.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

I believe that there is a social contract that exists between the family-farm producers of food and the non-farm consumer. We must continue to assure adequate supplies of food and fiber for all our people, including low-income families and individuals whose purchasing power is supplemented with food stamps. And the other side of the contract must assure that farm income be maintained at sufficient levels to enable farmers, ranchers and farm workers to produce expanding and dependable supplies of food and fiber products. That would be true parity.

To accomplish this, we must: 1.) Make the most of U.S. agriculture efficiency in developing commercial export markets and gaining concessions for U.S. farm exports in the current Geneva trade negotiations. In the last round of trade negotiations, agriculture was treated as a distant relative. This includes supporting with adequate resources and new ideas a much more vigorous market development effort. 2.) Commit the budgeted $1.5 billion of CCC credits immediately so that export opportunities do not slip away. $1.7 billion was programmed last year. More money should be committed if it can be used profitably, for these are commercial sales. The government gets its money back plus interest. 3.) Increase Food for Peace Program, Title I, to at least $1 billion worth of commodities, up from the $800 million announced for fiscal year 1979.

We must set and meet a goal of $30 billion in exports by 1980, a $2.7 billion increase above current levels.

Farmers, and yes, our total economy, need these exports, for U.S. agriculture is our single most important source of foreign exchange. Farm products account for 20% of all exports. We will do more, given the opportunity, for a healthy farm economy requires that the United States be a reliable exporter. Let us never forget the ill effects of export controls on our economy and diplomacy.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

DETERIORATION OF DOLLAR

Sylvia Porter, the well-known economics writer, recently said: "The chaotic deterioration in the value of the U.S. dollar through most of 1978 has created an almost insoluble dilemma for this nation and is threatening disaster for the Western world. The Carter White House's inexperience, inadequacy(if not outright ineptitude) have been prime factors which have brought our country to this near-crisis--and no matter how much can be attributed to Carter's prolonged learning-on-the-job phase, his Administration cannot escape the blame.

"The fundamental force behind the demoralization in the U.S. dollar--the most revered, desired currency in the world a mere few decades ago--is our relentless, and recently accelerating rate of inflation. This is the evil above all economic evils. No paper currency can long survive a steep inflation's vicious impact upon its nation's economy, moral standards, confidence, leadership.

"None ever has. Ours cannot either."

FARMER IS INFLATION'S VICTIM

Inflation is hurting our farmers financially. They cannot stand the impact double-digit inflation has on the farm goods and equipment they buy. The farmer has not been the cause of inflation--he has been the victim of inflation.

If we would require our government to live within its means, the inflationary spiral would not only be controlled, it would stop.

Farmers have to be free to make a profit. They have to be free to operate and make decisions based on the information provided by our economic system concerning supply and demand and prices.

Farming has enough uncertainties--because of weather, world demand, changing consumer needs, and other forces without adding an uncertain, ever-changing, unpredictable, intervening government.

The government's economic and spending policies are the basic causes of farmers' problems. And yet, in time, this trouble too shall pass away. Our family farms will continue to be a bulwark of strength in the future, and the growing strength of this organization will help farmers lead the way back to fiscal sanity. For the story of American agriculture is one of the greatest stories in the history of all mankind.

I am still an optimist about our future. Every four years America examines itself and its leaders in the heat of political controversy. The miracle of our system is that the country is born anew. That is why I agree with the poet, Carl Sandburg, who said: "I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us. I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun fresh from the burning, creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and women of will and wisdom..."

--30--

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

GRAIN TERMINAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

NOVEMBER 15, 1978

MR. MALUSKY, AND MEMBERS OF THE FARMERS UNION GTA, YOU HAVE HONORED ME BY INVITING ME TO YOUR CONVENTION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS CONVENTION SHOULD BE AN HISTORIC ONE--ONE OF DEDICATION TO THE HIGH IDEALS OF A GREAT AMERICAN--HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY. HE WAS A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THIS COOPERATIVE, AND TO ALL OF AGRICULTURE. I SHALL ALWAYS TREASURE THE TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH WE, ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE, HAD FOR EACH OTHER. I FELT SO DEEPLY ABOUT THIS GREAT AND WARM HUMAN BEING THAT I CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO HONOR HIM IN LIFE.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUMPHREY BUILDING

I ORIGINATED AND CIRCULATED A PIECE OF LEGISLATION CO-SPONSORED BY EVERY U.S. SENATOR--A FIRST IN SENATORIAL HISTORY--TO NAME THE HEW BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING. IT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR ME TO SIT ON THE PLATFORM WITH HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY WHEN THE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES CHANGED THE NAME OF THAT BUILDING PERMANENTLY.

I ALSO HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE TO CHAIR A SPECIAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR AN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP ASSURE AND MAINTAIN AN EMPHASIS ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PHASES OF FOOD PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE FAMILY FARM CONCEPT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

I FEEL THIS IS A FITTING MEMORIAL TO SENATOR HUMPHREY. I DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM, AND HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AMERICAN FARMER.

IT WAS OUR BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN HELP PROVIDE FOOD TO THE HUNGRY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD THROUGH OUR FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM(P.L. 480) AND OTHER PROGRAMS, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ASSIST THE LESSER DEVELOPED NATIONS IN THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD THEMSELVES. SUCH EFFORTS WILL PROVIDE EXPANDED MARKETS FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND HELP ASSURE A VIABLE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE BY IMPROVING FARM INCOME.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUBERT WAS A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE--COURAGE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF HIS OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND YET FIX HIS EYES ON THE FUTURE. CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WAS SOMETHING HE LISTENED TO, AND THEN ATTEMPTED TO IMPROVE. NEW IDEAS, NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS AND NEW CHALLENGES TO BE MET AND OVERCOME WERE ALWAYS PART OF HIS MAKEUP. HE NEVER FEARED THE UNKNOWN. THIS NATION AND EVERY FARM FAMILY WILL ALWAYS OWE HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY AN IMMENSE DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

AS A FELLOW AMERICAN WHO IS DEDICATED TO THIS NATION AND THE AGRICULTURE WHICH HELPS MAKE IT GREAT, I WISH TO THANK PRESIDENT MALUSKY FOR HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

FREE EXPRESSION

IN THIS REPUBLIC THERE IS A BASIC NEED FOR FREE EXPRESSION BY THE PEOPLE--ESPECIALLY FARM PEOPLE--A SHRINKING PROPORTION OF OUR POPULATION. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY OFFICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPEN TO CONSIDERING THE VIEWS OF THE FARMERS UNION GTA. WITH ROOTS IN THE SOIL OF AMERICA, THIS ORGANIZATION MUST AND DOES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, OUR OBJECTIVES HAVE COINCIDED. AS PEOPLE DEDICATED TO DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR AMERICA, WE BELIEVE IN DOING WHAT IS IN THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. FROM SOMEWHAT DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW WE ARRIVE AT COMMON OBJECTIVES. BASICALLY, WE ARE TRYING TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO ENABLE THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS WHO CREATE THE BOUNTY WE ALL ENJOY TO SHARE MORE FULLY IN THAT WHICH THEY CREATE.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

YOU AND I SHARE COMMON BELIEFS, GOALS, AND DREAMS. WE BOTH WANT TO STRENGTHEN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. WE BOTH WANT TO INCREASE THE INCOME TO OUR FARMERS. WE BOTH WANT THE FARMER TO RECEIVE A FAIR RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT. WE SEEK TO PROVIDE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENTER FARMING. WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY FARM AS THE BACKBONE OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM. WE SEEK TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AGRICULTURE -- ONE THAT IS ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE AND FREE FROM UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS.

THOSE OF US IN CONGRESS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES, SENATORS YOUNG, TALMADGE, BELLMON, AND MYSELF AND CONGRESSMEN SEBELIUS, FOLEY, ANDREWS AND WHITTEN, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING LEGISLATION TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE AND NECESSARY GOALS.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES

UNDER OUR TAX LAWS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES A SUBSIDY FOR MOST BUSINESS FIRMS BY ALLOWING THEM A CREDIT AGAINST THEIR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES OF 10% OF THE PRICE OF THE PURCHASE OF DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE COOPERATIVES ARE TAXED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DEDUCT CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE TO PATRONS, COOPERATIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED FULL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT CO-OPS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, I SPONSORED AN AMENDMENT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE RECENTLY PASSED TAX BILL WHICH WOULD ALLOW COOPERATIVES TO CLAIM THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT IT IS AVAILABLE TO OTHER TAXPAYERS.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF COOPERATIVES TO HELP FINANCE THEIR EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION, PLUS THIS REDUCED LEVEL OF INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE TO COOPERATIVES HAVE HINDERED THEIR GROWTH AND REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DISTRIBUTIONS.

MY AMENDMENT HAD WIDE SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS BUT BECAUSE IT WAS OPPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IT WAS A FIGHT TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN THE NEW LEGISLATION. NOW UNDER THE NEW LAW, COOPERATIVES WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS CORPORATIONS. THE INCREASED TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES MAKES SENSE AND I BELIEVE IT WILL PROVIDE A NEEDED BENEFIT TO THE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL

THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW SIGNED THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL. THIS BILL SET GOALS FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY IN SUCH AREAS AS UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION. THE BILL ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL POLICY, BUT DID NOT SET REAL GOALS.

I WAS CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL THAT SET A GOAL TO BRING AGRICULTURE UP TO PAR WITH THE REST OF THE ECONOMY. WITH AL QUIE'S SUGGESTION IN THE HOUSE AND MY SUPPORT IN THE SENATE, "FULL PARITY FOR FARMERS," WAS ADDED TO THE BILL.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THIS ADDITION TO THE BILL INDICATED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE A GOAL TO ASSURE, "FARM AND RANCH INCOME AT FULL PARITY LEVELS THAT WILL IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM FAMILIES, ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION, PROVIDE FOR ESSENTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN FARMING, AND PROVIDE FOR FARM PRODUCT PRICES AT FULL PARITY IN THE MARKETPLACE."

FULL PARITY IS NOW ESTABLISHED AS A NATIONAL ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE. WHEN THE PRESIDENT SETS HIS POLICIES, HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GOAL OF FULL PARITY INCOME FOR FAMILIES AND FULL PARITY FOR FARM PRODUCT PRICES IN THE MARKETPLACE, AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE ARE STRIVING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF 3% INFLATION AND 4% UNEMPLOYMENT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NET FARM INCOME

I ASKED MY STAFF TO PULL TOGETHER DATA ON REALIZED NET FARM INCOME FOR MANY OF THE STATES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. THE DATA COMES FROM A RECENTLY ISSUED USDA PUBLICATION, ENTITLED "STATE FARM INCOME STATISTICS." THE LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES WERE FOR 1977, AND THE DATA ARE SHOCKING. LET ME LIST THE DROP IN REALIZED NET FARM INCOME BY STATES FOR 1977, AS COMPARED WITH THE 1973-1974 AVERAGE:

MINNESOTA	MINUS	40%
IOWA	MINUS	67%
N. DAKOTA	MINUS	80%
S. DAKOTA	MINUS	71%
NEBRASKA	MINUS	65%
MONTANA	MINUS	63%

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

FARMERS DESERVE A BETTER BREAK THAN PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY BERGLAND ARE PROVIDING. I CAN ASSURE YOU OF ONE THING--BOB DOLE WILL FIGHT TO GET THAT BETTER BREAK FOR YOU.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD; AND AMERICAN FARMERS AND AMERICAN RANCHERS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE A LEVEL OF NUTRITION AND ABUNDANCE FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT IS UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY. AT THE SAME TIME, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ABROAD ARE EATING BETTER THROUGH U.S. FARM EXPORTS AND THROUGH THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM.

THE BASIS FOR THIS SUCCESS--AND ITS PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE--LIES WITH THE FAMILY FARM. IT CAN AND MUST BE PRESERVED, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL AMERICANS AND THE NATION'S WELFARE.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

SOCIAL CONTRACT

I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SOCIAL CONTRACT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE FAMILY-FARM PRODUCERS OF FOOD AND THE NON-FARM CONSUMER. WE MUST CONTINUE TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND FIBER FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PURCHASING POWER IS SUPPLEMENTED WITH FOOD STAMPS. AND THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTRACT MUST ASSURE THAT FARM INCOME BE MAINTAINED AT SUFFICIENT LEVELS TO ENABLE FARMERS, RANCHERS AND FARM WORKERS TO PRODUCE EXPANDING AND DEPENDABLE SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTS. THAT WOULD BE TRUE PARITY.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE MUST:

1. MAKE THE MOST OF U.S. AGRICULTURE EFFICIENCY IN DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL EXPORT MARKETS AND GAINING CONCESSIONS FOR U.S. FARM EXPORTS IN THE CURRENT GENEVA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE LAST ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AGRICULTURE WAS TREATED AS A DISTANT RELATIVE. THIS INCLUDES SUPPORTING WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND NEW IDEAS A MUCH MORE VIGOROUS MARKET DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.

2. COMMIT THE BUDGETED $1.5 BILLION OF CCC CREDITS IMMEDIATELY SO THAT EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES DO NOT SLIP AWAY. $1.7 BILLION WAS PROGRAMMED LAST YEAR. MORE MONEY SHOULD BE COMMITTED IF IT CAN BE USED PROFITABLY, FOR THESE ARE COMMERCIAL SALES. THE GOVERNMENT GETS ITS MONEY BACK PLUS INTEREST.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

3. INCREASE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM, TITLE I, TO AT LEAST $1 BILLION WORTH OF COMMODITIES, UP FROM THE $800 MILLION ANNOUNCED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979.

WE MUST SET AND MEET A GOAL OF $30 BILLION IN EXPORTS BY 1980, A $2.7 BILLION INCREASE ABOVE CURRENT LEVELS.

FARMERS, AND YES, OUR TOTAL ECONOMY, NEED THESE EXPORTS, FOR U.S. AGRICULTURE IS OUR SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. FARM PRODUCTS ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF ALL EXPORTS. WE WILL DO MORE, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, FOR A HEALTHY FARM ECONOMY REQUIRES THAT THE UNITED STATES BE A RELIABLE EXPORTER. LET US NEVER FORGET THE ILL EFFECTS OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON OUR ECONOMY AND DIPLOMACY.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

DETERIORATION OF DOLLAR

SYLVIA PORTER, THE WELL-KNOWN ECONOMICS WRITER, RECENTLY SAID: "THE CHAOTIC DETERIORATION IN THE VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR THROUGH MOST OF 1978 HAS CREATED AN ALMOST INSOLUBLE DILEMMA FOR THIS NATION AND IS THREATENING DISASTER FOR THE WESTERN WORLD.

"THE CARTER WHITE HOUSE'S INEXPERIENCE, INADEQUACY (IF NOT OUTRIGHT INEPTITUDE) HAVE BEEN PRIME FACTORS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT OUR COUNTRY TO THIS NEAR-CRISIS--AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO CARTER'S PROLONGED LEARNING-ON THE-JOB PHASE, HIS ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ESCAPE THE BLAME.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

"THE FUNDAMENTAL FORCE BEHIND THE DEMORALIZATION IN THE U.S. DOLLAR--THE MOST REVERED, DESIRED CURRENCY IN THE WORLD A MERE FEW DECADES AGO--IS OUR RELENTLESS, AND RECENTLY ACCELERATING RATE OF INFLATION. THIS IS THE EVIL ABOVE ALL ECONOMIC EVILS. NO PAPER CURRENCY CAN LONG SURVIVE A STEEP INFLATION'S VICIOUS IMPACT UPON ITS NATION'S ECONOMY, MORAL STANDARDS, CONFIDENCE, LEADERSHIP.

"NONE EVER HAS. OURS CANNOT EITHER."

FARMER IS INFLATION'S VICTIM

INFLATION IS HURTING OUR FARMERS FINANCIALLY. THEY CANNOT STAND THE IMPACT DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION HAS ON THE FARM GOODS AND EQUIPMENT THEY BUY. THE FARMER HAS NOT BEEN THE CAUSE OF INFLATION--HE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF INFLATION.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

IF WE WOULD REQUIRE OUR GOVERNMENT TO LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS, THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL WOULD NOT ONLY BE CONTROLLED, IT WOULD STOP.

FARMERS HAVE TO BE FREE TO MAKE A PROFIT. THEY HAVE TO BE FREE TO OPERATE AND MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONCERNING SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND PRICES.

FARMING HAS ENOUGH UNCERTAINTIES--BECAUSE OF WEATHER, WORLD DEMAND, CHANGING CONSUMER NEEDS, AND OTHER FORCES WITHOUT ADDING AN UNCERTAIN, EVER-CHANGING, UNPREDICTABLE, INTERVENING GOVERNMENT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC AND SPENDING POLICIES ARE THE BASIC CAUSES OF FARMERS' PROBLEMS. AND YET, IN TIME, THIS TROUBLE TOO SHALL PASS AWAY. OUR FAMILY FARMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BULWARK OF STRENGTH IN THE FUTURE, AND THE GROWING STRENGTH OF THIS ORGANIZATION WILL HELP FARMERS LEAD THE WAY BACK TO FISCAL SANITY. FOR THE STORY OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST STORIES IN THE HISTORY OF ALL MANKIND.

I AM STILL AN OPTIMIST ABOUT OUR FUTURE. EVERY FOUR YEARS AMERICA EXAMINES ITSELF AND ITS LEADERS IN THE HEAT OF POLITICAL CONTROVERSY. THE MIRACLE OF OUR SYSTEM IS THAT THE COUNTRY IS BORN ANEW. THAT IS WHY I AGREE WITH THE POET, CARL SANDBURG, WHO SAID:

> "I SEE AMERICA, NOT IN THE SETTING SUN OF A BLACK NIGHT OF DESPAIR AHEAD OF US.
> "I SEE AMERICA IN THE CRIMSON LIGHT OF A RISING SUN FRESH FROM THE BURNING, CREATIVE HAND OF GOD.
> "I SEE GREAT DAYS AHEAD, GREAT DAYS POSSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION..."

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

I know of your close ties with farmers of my state, in your joint marketing activities with Far-Mar-Co., headquartered in Kansas. We in Kansas share mutual concerns with farm producers of the entire Midwest, and the rest of the nation. We welcome your vision and leadership, and the vital role you and other great regional cooperatives are filling for the American farmer.

I know how closely you and Hubert Humphrey were aligned together in the forefront of repeated fights for the well-being of agriculture. For many years his talks to your annual convention became keystones to evolving farm policy. You have helped give us other effective voices for American agriculture, such as the veteran farm statesman, Milt Young, from North Dakota and Senator George McGovern, of neighboring South Dakota.

When it comes to preserving the family farm, and providing better equality of economic opportunity for agriculture, there can be no political boundaries.

Agricultural politics, traditionally, cuts across the lines of other party politics. That's why Hubert Humphrey and I could work together in your interests. That's why George McGovern and I still work closely together in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Farm people like their independence. They can't be taken for granted by either political party--and shouldn't be. When that does happen, farmers have a way of bluntly reminding politicians they don't like being ignored, or neglected.

We've just had an election across the nation. As I look at the results in the Midwest, I think farmers did some of that reminding. They sent a message to Washington--along with some new Members of Congress, and some new Governors.

FREE EXPRESSION

In this republic there is a basic need for free expression by the people--especially farm people--a shrinking proportion of our population. I want to assure you that my office has always been open to considering the views of the GTA. With roots in the soil of America, this organization must and does participate actively in policy discussions and in making recommendations to your government representatives.

More importantly, however, our objectives have coincided. As people dedicated to doing what is best for America, we believe in doing what is in the interest of American agriculture. From somewhat differing points of view we arrive at common objectives. Basically, we are trying to find better ways to enable the farmers and ranchers who create the bounty we all enjoy to share more fully in that which they create.

You and I share common beliefs, goals, and dreams. We both want to strengthen American agriculture. We both want to increase the income to our farmers. We both want the farmer to receive a fair return on his investment. We seek to provide new opportunities for young people to enter farming. We are dedicated to the family farm as the backbone of our agricultural production system. We seek to maintain a healthy agriculture--one that is economically efficient and productive and free from unnecessary regulations.

Those of us in Congress, and especially those of us in leadership positions on the Agriculture Committee, Senators Young, Talmadge, Bellmon, and myself and Congressmen Sebelius, Foley, Andrews, and Whitten, have the responsibility for developing legislation to achieve positive and necessary goals.

VETO OF THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA ACT

President Carter's veto of the Meat Import Quota Bill and announcement that he will hold feed grain prices down amount to nothing short of a disaster for the farmers of this nation. This veto came as no surprise as the President was obviously playing politics and attempting to influence the outcome of last Tuesday's elections by waiting until after that time to announce his decision.

The Meat Import Quota Act which allows more meat imports when domestic supply is short and meat prices are high, and restricts imports when domestic supply is ample and cattle and meat prices are low was a fair one that would have stabilized our meat prices and another provision of that bill would have limited the discretionary authority of the President under which he imported an additional 200 million pounds of beef in June of this year. It is absolutely essential that cattlemen be afforded the protection and assurances for the future provided in this bill, and for this reason I intend to re-introduce the legislation at the beginning of the 96th Congress.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NEW FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

President Carter's announcement that he will maintain the same feed grain set aside program of the past year is further proof that this Administration is being less than concerned about the future of farmers. The program this past year increased the surplus feed grain stocks 8 per cent and prospects for the coming year are such that this will further increase the stocks, since cattlemen have not expanded their herds and there will be less demand for these feed grains.

Stuart Eizenstat, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy, indicated this action "will limit increases in the prices paid to farmers to 2½ per cent for the next two years."

Yesterday, Acting Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman said, "Our program balances producer, consumer, and taxpayer interests fairly by ensuring adequate, but not excessive grain supplies, (and) it will not be inflationary."

Remember, no more than two weeks ago, President Carter asked everyone in the nation to limit inflation to 8 per cent and now he is taking action to keep inflation of farm prices to 2½ per cent for the next two years.

I ask you what kind of an inflationary balance is that?

TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES

Under our tax laws, the federal government provides a subsidy for most business firms by allowing them a credit against their federal income taxes of 10% of the price of the purchase of depreciable property. However, because cooperatives are taxed somewhat differently because they are allowed to deduct certain payments made to patrons, cooperatives are not allowed full investment tax credit. However, because I believe that co-ops make a significant contribution to the American economy, particularly in the agricultural sector, I sponsored an amendment that is included in the recently passed Tax bill which would allow cooperatives to claim the investment tax credit to the same extent that it is available to other taxpayers.

The capital needs of cooperatives to help finance their expansion and modernization, plus this reduced level of investment tax credit available to cooperatives have hindered their growth and reduced the amount of patronage distributions.

My amendment had wide support in the Congress but because it was opposed by the Administration it was a fight to have it included in the new legislation. Now under the new law, cooperatives will be permitted to use the investment tax credit to the same extent as corporations. The increased tax credit for cooperatives makes sense and I believe it will provide a needed benefit to the agriculture community.

HUMPHREY -HAWKINS BILL

The President has now signed the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. This bill set goals for the U.S. economy in such areas as unemployment and inflation. The bill originally called for a comprehensive agricultural policy, but did not set real goals.

I was concerned that there was nothing in the Humphrey-Hawkins bill that set a goal to bring agriculture up to par with the rest of the economy. With Al Quie's suggestion in the House and my support in the Senate, "full parity for farmers," was added to the bill.

This addition to the bill indicated that the agricultural policy should include a goal to assure, "farm and ranch income at full parity levels that will improve opportunities for farm families, encourage production, provide for essential capital investment in farming, and provide for farm product prices at full parity in the marketplace."

Full parity is now established as a national economic objective. When the President sets his policies, he will have to take into consideration the goal of full parity income for families and full parity for farm product prices in the marketplace, at the same time that we are striving towards the goal of 3% inflation and 4% unemployment.

NET FARM INCOME

I asked my staff to pull together data on realized net farm income for many of the states represented here today. The data comes from a recently issued USDA publication, entitled "State Farm Income Statistics." The latest available figures were for 1977, and the data are shocking. Let me list the drop in realized net farm income by states for 1977, as compared with the 1973-1974 average: Minnesota - minus 40%; Iowa - minus 67%; N. Dakota - minus 80%; S. Dakota - minus 71%; Nebraska - minus 65%; Montana - minus 63%.

Farmers deserve a better break than President Carter and Secretary Bergland are providing. I can assure you of one thing--Bob Dole will fight to get that better break for you.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

American agriculture is the envy of the world; and American farmers and American ranchers have made possible a level of nutrition and abundance for our people that is unparalleled in history. At the same time, millions of people abroad are eating better through U.S. farm exports and through the Food for Peace Program.

The basis for this success--and its promise for the future--lies with the family farm. It can and must be preserved, in the best interests of all Americans and the nation's welfare.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

I believe that there is a social contract that exists between the family-farm producers of food and the non-farm consumer. We must continue to assure adequate supplies of food and fiber for all our people, including low-income families and individuals whose purchasing power is supplemented with food stamps. And the other side of the contract must assure that farm income be maintained at sufficient levels to enable farmers, ranchers and farm workers to produce expanding and dependable supplies of food and fiber products. That would be true parity.

To accomplish this, we must: 1.) Make the most of U.S. agriculture efficiency in developing commercial export markets and gaining concessions for U.S. farm exports in the current Geneva trade negotiations. In the last round of trade negotiations, agriculture was treated as a distant relative. This includes supporting with adequate resources and new ideas a much more vigorous market development effort. 2.) Commit the budgeted $1.5 billion of CCC credits immediately so that export opportunities do not slip away. $1.7 billion was programmed last year. More money should be committed if it can be used profitably, for these are commercial sales. The government gets its money back plus interest. 3.) Increase Food for Peace Program, Title I, to at least $1 billion worth of commodities, up from the $800 million announced for fiscal year 1979.

We must set and meet a goal of $30 billion in exports by 1980, a $2.7 billion increase above current levels.

Farmers, and yes, our total economy, need these exports, for U.S. agriculture is our single most important source of foreign exchange. Farm products account for 20% of all exports. We will do more, given the opportunity, for a healthy farm economy requires that the United States be a reliable exporter. Let us never forget the ill effects of export controls on our economy and diplomacy.

DETERIORATION OF DOLLAR

Sylvia Porter, the well-known economics writer, recently said: "The chaotic deterioration in the value of the U.S. dollar through most of 1978 has created an almost insoluble dilemma for this nation and is threatening disaster for the Western world. The Carter White House's inexperience, inadequacy(if not outright ineptitude) have been prime factors which have brought our country to this near-crisis--and no matter how much can be attributed to Carter's prolonged learning-on-the-job phase, his Administration cannot escape the blame.

"The fundamental force behind the demoralization in the U.S. dollar--the most revered, desired currency in the world a mere few decades ago--is our relentless, and recently accelerating rate of inflation. This is the evil above all economic evils. No paper currency can long survive a steep inflation's vicious impact upon its nation's economy, moral standards, confidence, leadership.

"None ever has. Ours cannot either."

FARMER IS INFLATION'S VICTIM

Inflation is hurting our farmers financially. They cannot stand the impact double-digit inflation has on the farm goods and equipment they buy. The farmer has not been the cause of inflation--he has been the victim of inflation.

If we would require our government to live within its means, the inflationary spiral would not only be controlled, it would stop.

Farmers have to be free to make a profit. They have to be free to operate and make decisions based on the information provided by our economic system concerning supply and demand and prices.

Farming has enough uncertainties--because of weather, world demand, changing consumer needs, and other forces without adding an uncertain, ever-changing, unpredictable, intervening government.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

The government's economic and spending policies are the basic causes of farmers' problems. And yet, in time, this trouble too shall pass away. Our family farms will continue to be a bulwark of strength in the future, and the growing strength of this organization will help farmers lead the way back to fiscal sanity. For the story of American agriculture is one of the greatest stories in the history of all mankind.

I am still an optimist about our future. Every four years America examines itself and its leaders in the heat of political controversy. The miracle of our system is that the country is born anew. That is why I agree with the poet, Carl Sandburg, who said: "I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us. I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun fresh from the burning, creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and women of will and wisdom..."

--30--

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

VETO OF THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA ACT

PRESIDENT CARTER'S VETO OF THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA BILL AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL HOLD FEED GRAIN PRICES DOWN AMOUNT TO NOTHING SHORT OF A DISASTER FOR THE FARMERS OF THIS NATION. THIS VETO CAME AS NO SURPRISE AS THE PRESIDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY PLAYING POLITICS AND ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF LAST TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS BY WAITING UNTIL AFTER THAT TIME TO ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA ACT WHICH ALLOWS MORE MEAT IMPORTS WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLY IS SHORT AND MEAT PRICES ARE HIGH, AND RESTRICTS IMPORTS WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLY IS AMPLE AND CATTLE AND MEAT PRICES ARE LOW WAS A FAIR ONE THAT WOULD HAVE STABILIZED OUR MEAT PRICES AND ANOTHER PROVISION OF THAT BILL WOULD HAVE LIMITED THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER WHICH HE IMPORTED AN ADDITIONAL 200 MILLION POUNDS OF BEEF IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT CATTLEMEN BE AFFORDED THE PROTECTION AND ASSURANCES FOR THE FUTURE PROVIDED IN THIS BILL, AND FOR THIS REASON I INTEND TO RE-INTRODUCE THE LEGISLATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 96TH CONGRESS.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NEW FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL MAINTAIN THE SAME FEED GRAIN SET ASIDE PROGRAM OF THE PAST YEAR IS FURTHER PROOF THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS BEING LESS THAN CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FARMERS. THE PROGRAM THIS PAST YEAR INCREASED THE SURPLUS FEED GRAIN STOCKS 8 PER CENT AND PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE SUCH THAT THIS WILL FURTHER INCREASE THE STOCKS, SINCE CATTLEMEN HAVE NOT EXPANDED THEIR HERDS AND THERE WILL BE LESS DEMAND FOR THESE FEED GRAINS.

STUART EIZENSTAT, THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND POLICY INDICATED THIS ACTION "WILL LIMIT INCREASES IN THE PRICES PAID TO FARMERS TO 2½ PER CENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS."

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

YESTERDAY, ACTING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAROL TUCKER FOREMAN SAID, "OUR PROGRAM BALANCES PRODUCER, CONSUMER, AND TAXPAYER INTERESTS FAIRLY BY ENSURING ADEQUATE, BUT NOT EXCESSIVE GRAIN SUPPLIES, (AND) IT WILL NOT BE INFLATIONARY."

REMEMBER, NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED EVERYONE IN THE NATION TO LIMIT INFLATION TO 7 PER CENT AND NOW HE IS TAKING ACTION TO KEEP INFLATION OF FARM PRICES TO 2½ PER CENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

I ASK YOU, WHAT KIND OF AN INFLATIONARY BALANCE IS THAT?

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
GRAIN TERMINAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 15, 1978

MR. MALUSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE GTA, YOU HAVE HONORED ME BY INVITING ME TO YOUR CONVENTION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS CONVENTION SHOULD BE AN HISTORIC ONE--ONE OF DEDICATION TO THE HIGH IDEALS OF A GREAT AMERICAN--HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY. HE WAS A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THIS COOPERATIVE, AND TO ALL OF AGRICULTURE. I SHALL ALWAYS TREASURE THE TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH WE, ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE, HAD FOR EACH OTHER. I FELT SO DEEPLY ABOUT THIS GREAT AND WARM HUMAN BEING THAT I CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO HONOR HIM IN LIFE.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUMPHREY BUILDING

I ORIGINATED AND CIRCULATED A PIECE OF LEGISLATION CO-SPONSORED BY EVERY U.S. SENATOR--A FIRST IN SENATORIAL HISTORY--TO NAME THE HEW BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING. IT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR ME TO SIT ON THE PLATFORM WITH HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY WHEN THE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES CHANGED THE NAME OF THAT BUILDING PERMANENTLY.

I ALSO HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE TO CHAIR A SPECIAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR AN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP ASSURE AND MAINTAIN AN EMPHASIS ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PHASES OF FOOD PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE FAMILY FARM CONCEPT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

I FEEL THIS IS A FITTING MEMORIAL TO SENATOR HUMPHREY. I DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM, AND HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE AMERICAN FARMER.

IT WAS OUR BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN HELP PROVIDE FOOD TO THE HUNGRY PEOPLE OF THE WORLD THROUGH OUR FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM(P.L. 480) AND OTHER PROGRAMS, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ASSIST THE LESSER DEVELOPED NATIONS IN THEIR ABILITY TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD THEMSELVES. SUCH EFFORTS WILL PROVIDE EXPANDED MARKETS FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND HELP ASSURE A VIABLE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE BY IMPROVING FARM INCOME.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUBERT WAS A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE--COURAGE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF HIS OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND YET FIX HIS EYES ON THE FUTURE. CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WAS SOMETHING HE LISTENED TO, AND THEN ATTEMPTED TO IMPROVE. NEW IDEAS, NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS AND NEW CHALLENGES TO BE MET AND OVERCOME WERE ALWAYS PART OF HIS MAKEUP. HE NEVER FEARED THE UNKNOWN. THIS NATION AND EVERY FARM FAMILY WILL ALWAYS OWE HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY AN IMMENSE DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

AS A FELLOW AMERICAN WHO IS DEDICATED TO THIS NATION, AND THE AGRICULTURE WHICH HELPS MAKE IT GREAT, I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT MALUSKY AND CHAIRMAN GORDON MATHESON OF MONTANA AND THE REST OF GTA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION.

Bennett -

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

YOUR INFLUENCE REACHES FAR BEYOND YOUR BASIC STATES OF MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND MONTANA; YOUR INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE ARE NATIONAL, AS INDEED YOUR OWN BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT IS BECOMING. I UNDERSTAND YOU NOW ALSO HAVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN WISCONSIN, WASHINGTON, OREGON, MISSOURI, AND EVEN IN GEORGIA AND TEXAS. YOUR BOARD IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE FORESIGHT AND COURAGE IN CARRYING YOUR PRODUCER-MEMBER INTERESTS INTO PROCESSING AND EXPORT MARKETING.

I KNOW OF YOUR CLOSE TIES WITH FARMERS OF MY STATE, IN YOUR JOINT MARKETING ACTIVITIES WITH FAR-MAR-CO., HEADQUARTERED IN KANSAS. WE IN KANSAS SHARE MUTUAL CONCERNS WITH FARM PRODUCERS OF THE ENTIRE MIDWEST, AND THE REST OF THE NATION. WE WELCOME YOUR VISION AND LEADERSHIP, AND THE VITAL ROLE YOU AND OTHER GREAT REGIONAL COOPERATIVES ARE FILLING FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

I KNOW HOW CLOSELY YOU AND HUBERT HUMPHREY WERE ALIGNED TOGETHER IN THE FOREFRONT OF REPEATED FIGHTS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF AGRICULTURE. FOR MANY YEARS HIS TALKS TO YOUR ANNUAL CONVENTION BECAME KEYSTONES TO EVOLVING FARM POLICY. YOU HAVE HELPED GIVE US OTHER EFFECTIVE VOICES FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURE, SUCH AS THE VETERAN FARM STATESMAN, MILT YOUNG, FROM NORTH DAKOTA AND SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, OF NEIGHBORING SOUTH DAKOTA.

WHEN IT COMES TO PRESERVING THE FAMILY FARM, AND PROVIDING BETTER EQUALITY OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AGRICULTURE, THERE CAN BE NO POLITICAL BOUNDARIES.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

AGRICULTURAL POLITICS, TRADITIONALLY, CUTS ACROSS THE LINES OF OTHER PARTY POLITICS. THAT'S WHY HUBERT HUMPHREY AND I COULD WORK TOGETHER IN YOUR INTERESTS. THAT'S WHY GEORGE MCGOVERN AND I STILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER IN THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

FARM PEOPLE LIKE THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THEY CAN'T BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY EITHER POLITICAL PARTY--AND SHOULDN'T BE. WHEN THAT DOES HAPPEN, FARMERS HAVE A WAY OF BLUNTLY REMINDING POLITICIANS THEY DON'T LIKE BEING IGNORED, OR NEGLECTED.

WE'VE JUST HAD AN ELECTION ACROSS THE NATION. AS I LOOK AT THE RESULTS IN THE MIDWEST, I THINK FARMERS DID SOME OF THAT REMINDING. THEY SENT A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON--ALONG WITH SOME NEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND SOME NEW GOVERNORS.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

FREE EXPRESSION

IN THIS REPUBLIC THERE IS A BASIC NEED FOR FREE EXPRESSION BY THE PEOPLE--ESPECIALLY FARM PEOPLE--A SHRINKING PROPORTION OF OUR POPULATION. I WANT TO ASSURE THAT MY OFFICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPEN TO CONSIDERING THE VIEWS OF THE GTA. WITH ROOTS IN THE SOIL OF AMERICA, THIS ORGANIZATION MUST AND DOES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, OUR OBJECTIVES HAVE COINCIDED. AS PEOPLE DEDICATED TO DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR AMERICA, WE BELIEVE IN DOING WHAT IS IN THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. FROM SOMEWHAT DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW WE ARRIVE AT COMMON OBJECTIVES. BASICALLY, WE ARE TRYING TO FIND BETTER WAYS TO ENABLE THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS WHO CREATE THE BOUNTY WE ALL ENJOY TO SHARE MORE FULLY IN THAT WHICH THEY CREATE.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

YOU AND I SHARE COMMON BELIEFS, GOALS, AND DREAMS. WE BOTH WANT TO STRENGTHEN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. WE BOTH WANT TO INCREASE THE INCOME TO OUR FARMERS. WE BOTH WANT THE FARMER TO RECEIVE A FAIR RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT. WE SEEK TO PROVIDE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENTER FARMING. WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY FARM AS THE BACKBONE OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM. WE SEEK TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AGRICULTURE -- ONE THAT IS ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE AND FREE FROM UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS.

THOSE OF US IN CONGRESS, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES, SENATORS YOUNG, TALMADGE, BELLMON, AND MYSELF AND CONGRESSMEN SEBELIUS, FOLEY, ANDREWS AND WHITTEN, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING LEGISLATION TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE AND NECESSARY GOALS.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

VETO OF THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA ACT

PRESIDENT CARTER'S VETO OF THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA BILL AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL HOLD FEED GRAIN PRICES DOWN AMOUNT TO NOTHING SHORT OF A DISASTER FOR THE FARMERS OF THIS NATION. THIS VETO CAME AS NO SURPRISE AS THE PRESIDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY PLAYING POLITICS AND ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF LAST TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS BY WAITING UNTIL AFTER THAT TIME TO ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE MEAT IMPORT QUOTA ACT WHICH ALLOWS MORE MEAT IMPORTS WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLY IS SHORT AND MEAT PRICES ARE HIGH, AND RESTRICTS IMPORTS WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLY IS AMPLE AND CATTLE AND MEAT PRICES ARE LOW WAS A FAIR ONE THAT WOULD HAVE STABILIZED OUR MEAT PRICES AND ANOTHER PROVISION OF THAT BILL WOULD HAVE LIMITED THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER WHICH HE IMPORTED AN ADDITIONAL 200 MILLION POUNDS OF BEEF IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT CATTLEMEN BE AFFORDED THE PROTECTION AND ASSURANCES FOR THE FUTURE PROVIDED IN THIS BILL, AND FOR THIS REASON I INTEND TO RE-INTRODUCE THE LEGISLATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 96TH CONGRESS.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NEW FEED GRAIN PROGRAM

PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL MAINTAIN THE SAME FEED GRAIN SET ASIDE PROGRAM OF THE PAST YEAR IS FURTHER PROOF THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS BEING LESS THAN CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF FARMERS. THE PROGRAM THIS PAST YEAR INCREASED THE SURPLUS FEED GRAIN STOCKS 8 PER CENT AND PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE SUCH THAT THIS WILL FURTHER INCREASE THE STOCKS, SINCE CATTLEMEN HAVE NOT EXPANDED THEIR HERDS AND THERE WILL BE LESS DEMAND FOR THESE FEED GRAINS.

STUART EIZENSTAT, THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND POLICY INDICATED THIS ACTION "WILL LIMIT INCREASES IN THE PRICES PAID TO FARMERS TO 2½ PER CENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS."

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

YESTERDAY, ACTING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAROL TUCKER FOREMAN SAID, "OUR PROGRAM BALANCES PRODUCER, CONSUMER, AND TAXPAYER INTERESTS FAIRLY BY ENSURING ADEQUATE, BUT NOT EXCESSIVE GRAIN SUPPLIES, (AND) IT WILL NOT BE INFLATIONARY."

REMEMBER, NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED EVERYONE IN THE NATION TO LIMIT INFLATION TO 7 PER CENT AND NOW HE IS TAKING ACTION TO KEEP INFLATION OF FARM PRICES TO 2½ PER CENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

I ASK YOU, WHAT KIND OF AN INFLATIONARY BALANCE IS THAT?

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES

UNDER OUR TAX LAWS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES A SUBSIDY FOR MOST BUSINESS FIRMS BY ALLOWING THEM A CREDIT AGAINST THEIR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES OF 10% OF THE PRICE OF THE PURCHASE OF DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE COOPERATIVES ARE TAXED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DEDUCT CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE TO PATRONS, COOPERATIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED FULL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT CO-OPS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, I SPONSORED AN AMENDMENT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE RECENTLY PASSED TAX BILL WHICH WOULD ALLOW COOPERATIVES TO CLAIM THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT IT IS AVAILABLE TO OTHER TAXPAYERS.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF COOPERATIVES TO HELP FINANCE THEIR EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION, PLUS THIS REDUCED LEVEL OF INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE TO COOPERATIVES HAVE HINDERED THEIR GROWTH AND REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DISTRIBUTIONS.

MY AMENDMENT HAD WIDE SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS BUT BECAUSE IT WAS OPPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IT WAS A FIGHT TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN THE NEW LEGISLATION. NOW UNDER THE NEW LAW, COOPERATIVES WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS CORPORATIONS. THE INCREASED TAX CREDIT FOR COOPERATIVES MAKES SENSE AND I BELIEVE IT WILL PROVIDE A NEEDED BENEFIT TO THE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL

THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW SIGNED THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL. THIS BILL SET GOALS FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY IN SUCH AREAS AS UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION. THE BILL ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL POLICY, BUT DID NOT SET REAL GOALS.

I WAS CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL THAT SET A GOAL TO BRING AGRICULTURE UP TO PAR WITH THE REST OF THE ECONOMY. WITH AL QUIE'S SUGGESTION IN THE HOUSE AND MY SUPPORT IN THE SENATE, "FULL PARITY FOR FARMERS," WAS ADDED TO THE BILL.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THIS ADDITION TO THE BILL INDICATED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE A GOAL TO ASSURE, "FARM AND RANCH INCOME AT FULL PARITY LEVELS THAT WILL IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM FAMILIES, ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION, PROVIDE FOR ESSENTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN FARMING, AND PROVIDE FOR FARM PRODUCT PRICES AT FULL PARITY IN THE MARKETPLACE."

FULL PARITY IS NOW ESTABLISHED AS A NATIONAL ECONOMIC OBJECTIVE. WHEN THE PRESIDENT SETS HIS POLICIES, HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE GOAL OF FULL PARITY INCOME FOR FAMILIES AND FULL PARITY FOR FARM PRODUCT PRICES IN THE MARKETPLACE, AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE ARE STRIVING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF 3% INFLATION AND 4% UNEMPLOYMENT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NET FARM INCOME

I ASKED MY STAFF TO PULL TOGETHER DATA ON REALIZED NET FARM INCOME FOR MANY OF THE STATES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. THE DATA COMES FROM A RECENTLY ISSUED USDA PUBLICATION, ENTITLED "STATE FARM INCOME STATISTICS." THE LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES WERE FOR 1977, AND THE DATA ARE SHOCKING. LET ME LIST THE DROP IN REALIZED NET FARM INCOME BY STATES FOR 1977, AS COMPARED WITH THE 1973-1974 AVERAGE:

MINNESOTA	MINUS	40%
IOWA	MINUS	67%
N. DAKOTA	MINUS	80%
S. DAKOTA	MINUS	71%
NEBRASKA	MINUS	65%
MONTANA	MINUS	63%

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

FARMERS DESERVE A BETTER BREAK THAN PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY BERGLAND ARE PROVIDING. I CAN ASSURE YOU OF ONE THING--BOB DOLE WILL FIGHT TO GET THAT BETTER BREAK FOR YOU.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD; AND AMERICAN FARMERS AND AMERICAN RANCHERS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE A LEVEL OF NUTRITION AND ABUNDANCE FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT IS UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY. AT THE SAME TIME, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ABROAD ARE EATING BETTER THROUGH U.S. FARM EXPORTS AND THROUGH THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM.

THE BASIS FOR THIS SUCCESS--AND ITS PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE--LIES WITH THE FAMILY FARM. IT CAN AND MUST BE PRESERVED, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL AMERICANS AND THE NATION'S WELFARE.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

SOCIAL CONTRACT

I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SOCIAL CONTRACT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE FAMILY-FARM PRODUCERS OF FOOD AND THE NON-FARM CONSUMER. WE MUST CONTINUE TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND FIBER FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PURCHASING POWER IS SUPPLEMENTED WITH FOOD STAMPS. AND THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTRACT MUST ASSURE THAT FARM INCOME BE MAINTAINED AT SUFFICIENT LEVELS TO ENABLE FARMERS, RANCHERS AND FARM WORKERS TO PRODUCE EXPANDING AND DEPENDABLE SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTS. THAT WOULD BE TRUE PARITY.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE MUST:

1. MAKE THE MOST OF U.S. AGRICULTURE EFFICIENCY IN DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL EXPORT MARKETS AND GAINING CONCESSIONS FOR U.S. FARM EXPORTS IN THE CURRENT GENEVA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE LAST ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AGRICULTURE WAS TREATED AS A DISTANT RELATIVE. THIS INCLUDES SUPPORTING WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND NEW IDEAS A MUCH MORE VIGOROUS MARKET DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.

2. COMMIT THE BUDGETED $1.5 BILLION OF CCC CREDITS IMMEDIATELY SO THAT EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES DO NOT SLIP AWAY. $1.7 BILLION WAS PROGRAMMED LAST YEAR. MORE MONEY SHOULD BE COMMITTED IF IT CAN BE USED PROFITABLY, FOR THESE ARE COMMERCIAL SALES. THE GOVERNMENT GETS ITS MONEY BACK PLUS INTEREST.

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

3. INCREASE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM, TITLE I, TO AT LEAST $1 BILLION WORTH OF COMMODITIES, UP FROM THE $800 MILLION ANNOUNCED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979.

WE MUST SET AND MEET A GOAL OF $30 BILLION IN EXPORTS BY 1980, A $2.7 BILLION INCREASE ABOVE CURRENT LEVELS.

FARMERS, AND YES, OUR TOTAL ECONOMY, NEED THESE EXPORTS, FOR U.S. AGRICULTURE IS OUR SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. FARM PRODUCTS ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF ALL EXPORTS. WE WILL DO MORE, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, FOR A HEALTHY FARM ECONOMY REQUIRES THAT THE UNITED STATES BE A RELIABLE EXPORTER. LET US NEVER FORGET THE ILL EFFECTS OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON OUR ECONOMY AND DIPLOMACY.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

DETERIORATION OF DOLLAR

SYLVIA PORTER, THE WELL-KNOWN ECONOMICS WRITER, RECENTLY SAID: "THE CHAOTIC DETERIORATION IN THE VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR THROUGH MOST OF 1978 HAS CREATED AN ALMOST INSOLUBLE DILEMMA FOR THIS NATION AND IS THREATENING DISASTER FOR THE WESTERN WORLD.

"THE CARTER WHITE HOUSE'S INEXPERIENCE, INADEQUACY (IF NOT OUTRIGHT INEPTITUDE) HAVE BEEN PRIME FACTORS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT OUR COUNTRY TO THIS NEAR-CRISIS--AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO CARTER'S PROLONGED LEARNING-ON THE-JOB PHASE, HIS ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ESCAPE THE BLAME.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

"THE FUNDAMENTAL FORCE BEHIND THE DEMORALIZATION IN THE U.S. DOLLAR--THE MOST REVERED, DESIRED CURRENCY IN THE WORLD A MERE FEW DECADES AGO--IS OUR RELENTLESS, AND RECENTLY ACCELERATING RATE OF INFLATION. THIS IS THE EVIL ABOVE ALL ECONOMIC EVILS. NO PAPER CURRENCY CAN LONG SURVIVE A STEEP INFLATION'S VICIOUS IMPACT UPON ITS NATION'S ECONOMY, MORAL STANDARDS, CONFIDENCE, LEADERSHIP.

"NONE EVER HAS. OURS CANNOT EITHER."

FARMER IS INFLATION'S VICTIM

INFLATION IS HURTING OUR FARMERS FINANCIALLY. THEY CANNOT STAND THE IMPACT DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION HAS ON THE FARM GOODS AND EQUIPMENT THEY BUY. THE FARMER HAS NOT BEEN THE CAUSE OF INFLATION--HE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF INFLATION.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

IF WE WOULD REQUIRE OUR GOVERNMENT TO LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS, THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL WOULD NOT ONLY BE CONTROLLED, IT WOULD STOP.

FARMERS HAVE TO BE FREE TO MAKE A PROFIT. THEY HAVE TO BE FREE TO OPERATE AND MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONCERNING SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND PRICES.

FARMING HAS ENOUGH UNCERTAINTIES--BECAUSE OF WEATHER, WORLD DEMAND, CHANGING CONSUMER NEEDS, AND OTHER FORCES WITHOUT ADDING AN UNCERTAIN, EVER-CHANGING, UNPREDICTABLE, INTERVENING GOVERNMENT.

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf

This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas
http://dolearchives.ku.edu

THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC AND SPENDING POLICIES ARE THE BASIC CAUSES OF FARMERS' PROBLEMS. AND YET, IN TIME, THIS TROUBLE TOO SHALL PASS AWAY. OUR FAMILY FARMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BULWARK OF STRENGTH IN THE FUTURE, AND THE GROWING STRENGTH OF THIS ORGANIZATION WILL HELP FARMERS LEAD THE WAY BACK TO FISCAL SANITY. FOR THE STORY OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST STORIES IN THE HISTORY OF ALL MANKIND.

I AM STILL AN OPTIMIST ABOUT OUR FUTURE. EVERY FOUR YEARS AMERICA EXAMINES ITSELF AND ITS LEADERS IN THE HEAT OF POLITICAL CONTROVERSY. THE MIRACLE OF OUR SYSTEM IS THAT THE COUNTRY IS BORN ANEW. THAT IS WHY I AGREE WITH THE POET, CARL SANDBURG, WHO SAID:

> "I SEE AMERICA, NOT IN THE SETTING SUN OF A BLACK NIGHT OF DESPAIR AHEAD OF US.
> "I SEE AMERICA IN THE CRIMSON LIGHT OF A RISING SUN FRESH FROM THE BURNING, CREATIVE HAND OF GOD.
> "I SEE GREAT DAYS AHEAD, GREAT DAYS POSSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION..."

c019_023_006_all_A1b.pdf