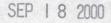
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The Honorable Robert Dole Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered 901 15th Street, N.W., #700 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bob:

I am delighted to confirm that you will be inducted into the Department of Agriculture's Hall of Heroes on September 27, 2000, in a 2:00 p.m. ceremony on the Patio of the Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building in Washington, D.C. You will be one of four charter inductees into this Hall which I have established to honor pioneers of agriculture, past and present. The other inductees are Hugh Hammond Bennett (father of Soil Conservation Service), George Washington Carver (father of chemurgy), and Smokey Bear (international symbol of forestry and fire prevention).

Your leadership and support of nutrition programs changed the face of agriculture. It is most appropriate that we honor you with a permanent plaque in our Hall of Heroes. I would be honored if you would participate in this event by accepting your plaque with a short acceptance speech. I hope that you and your family can join us at this event.

My staff has been in contact with your staff on all the arrangements. Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on September 27.

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