#### - A TIME FOR TRUTH -

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE FORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETING DODGE CITY, KANSAS 8:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION ENABLES ME TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH YOU WHO ARE SERVING THE NATION SO WELL. FOR ON THE FARMS ARE MANY OF THE LEADERS IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT FOR AN IMPROVING AMERICAN NUTRITION -- THE BEST IN THE WORLD -- AT THE LEAST COST IN TERMS OF MAN-HOURS WORKED AND PERCENTAGE OF INCOME.

OUR REVOLUTION DID NOT START AND END IN 1776. IT IS A CONTINUING PHENOMENON. THE FRONTIERS OF OPPORTUNITY, OF KNOWLEDGE, OF HEALTH, OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROGRESS IN OUR LAND ARE STILL BEING EXPANDED.

CERTAINLY IF ONE COMPARES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR SYSTEM WITH THAT

OF OTHERS, WE CAN TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IN OUR

DETERMINATION FOR EVEN GREATER IMPROVEMENT IN THE FUTURE. OUR FARM PEOPLE

HAVE BEEN IN THE FRONT RANKS OF THESE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS. THEY ARE STILL

THERE. WE CAN COUNT ON THEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MANY OF OUR NATIONAL

POLICIES REST ON THE ASSUMPTION OF THE CONTINUING MIRACLE CALLED AGRICULTURAL

ABUNDANCE.

AND IN A REAL SENSE WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT AGRICULTURE IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR A BETTER WORLD. AND YOU FARM MEN AND WOMEN ARE HELPING TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

IF ONE WERE TO SET DOWN STANDARDS FOR PERFORMANCE FOR AGRICULTURE,

ONE WOULD HAVE TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT AGRICULTURE STANDS TODAY AS A

TRIUMPH OF ECONOMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT. LET US LIST THESE STANDARDS:

- 1. PRODUCTION ABUNDANCE OF NUTRITIOUS FOODS;
- 2. ABILITY TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY;
- CAPACITY TO SERVE U. S. FOREIGN POLICY BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
- CAPABILITY OF PRODUCING ENOUGH TO SELL TREMENDOUS QUANTITIES
   INTO DOLLAR EXPORT MARKETS AND HELP OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS;
- 5. ABILITY TO SERVE THE NATION IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

EXAMINE THESE STANDARDS, AND IN NOT ONE INSTANCE IS AGRICULTURE

FAILING THE NATION. IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS FAILING THE FARMER.

AND IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

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## - AGRICULTURE IN TROUBLE -

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS IN TROUBLE. SECRETARY FREEMAN HAS PRESENTED

THE AMERICAN FARMER WITH A SERIES OF ACTIONS WHICH CAN ONLY BE CHARACTERIZED

AS DEPRESSION INDUCING. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO

FORCE THE PRICE OF WHEAT DOWN TO 45 PERCENT OF PARITY. IT IS NOT SURPRISING

THAT HE SEES NOTHING WRONG WHEN THE PARITY RATIO IS AT THE DEPRESSION LEVEL

OF 75 PERCENT. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON STATED RECENTLY

THAT "PARITY FOR OUR FARMERS WHO PRODUCE OUR FOOD IS STILL JUST A HOPE -
NOT AN ACHIEVEMENT". THE REASON THAT I SAY THAT THIS IS NOT SURPRISING

IS THAT FUNDAMENTALLY SECRETARY FREEMAN THINKS SO LITTLE OF PARITY THAT

HE WROTE A LETTER TO SENATOR HARRIS OF OKLAHOMA, IN WHICH HE SAID:

"PARITY IS A YARDSTICK OF ECONOMIC HEALTH WHICH HAS BECOME OUTMODED. THE FACT IS THAT YOU CANNOT EAT PARITY; YOU CANNOT DEPOSIT IT IN THE BANK; YOU CANNOT BUY A TRACTOR WITH IT; YOU CANNOT USE IT AS COLLATERAL FOR A LOAN."

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD BETTER GET TOGETHER ON THEIR RHETORIC. IF IT IS STILL A HOPE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT, THEN ACCORDING TO MR. FREEMAN IT IS AN OUT-MODED ONE. IF IT IS STILL A HOPE, WHY DOES THE SECRETARY DISPARAGE THE CONCEPT?

### - SAD DAY FOR AGRICULTURE -

SECRETARY FREEMAN ASSUMED OFFICE ON JANUARY 21, 1961 -- A SAD DAY

FOR RURAL AMERICA. FOR THE FARMERS HAD BEEN GIVEN MANY PROMISES BY THE

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT. THERE IS A PAMPHLET DATED OCTOBER 9,

1960, ENTITLED "AGRICULTURE POLICY FOR THE NEW FRONTIER". PLEASE DO NOT

BOTHER TO LOOK FOR IT ANYWHERE NEAR SECRETARY FREEMAN'S GLASS-ENCASED

OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE DEPARTMENT

OF AGRICULTURE IN WASHINGTON. DO NOT LOOK FOR IT ON THE BACK SEAT OF HIS

CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN CAR WITH THE TELEPHONES IN THE BACK. IT IS NOWHERE NEAR

HIM BECAUSE HE TOSSED IT INTO THE WASTE BASKET ON ASSUMING OFFICE.

## - DEMOCRAT PROMISES -

LET US EXAMINE SOME OF THE PROMISES:

1. SECRETARY FREEMAN WAS TO ADJUST SUPPLY TO DEMAND FOR EACH COMMODITY

SO THAT THE TOTAL SUPPLY MOVED THROUGH THE MARKET AT A PARITY INCOME

PRICE. PARITY INCOME PRICES WERE DEFINED AS PRICES WHICH ON THE

AVERAGE WOULD YIELD PRODUCERS A RATE ON THEIR CAPITAL, LABOR AND

MANAGEMENT EQUAL TO THAT EARNED BY COMPARABLE RESOURCES IN NON-FARM

EMPLOYMENTS. USDA ECONOMISTS FIGURED THIS AT ABOUT 125 PERCENT OF

THE REGULAR PARITY PRICES.

I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL TO ASK SECRETARY FREEMAN WHETHER HE OBSERVED
THIS COMMITMENT BY DRIVING FARM PRICES DOWN TO ALMOST THE LOWEST
PARITY RATIO IN HISTORY; IN FACT, WHERE THEY STILL REMAIN, AND HE
ACCOMPLISHED THIS IN A PERIOD WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT AT
PEACE -- BUT IN WARTIME.

- 2. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE TO ACHIEVE "GOOD AND STABLE PRICES AND INCOMES THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLIES"?
- 3. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE TO COMPUTE PARITY INCOME PRICES FOR EACH COMMODITY?

- 4. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE THAT "AN UNDERSTANDING SECRETARY

  OF AGRICULTURE WORKING WITH REPRESENTATIVE FARM LEADERS CAN DEVELOP

  SUPPLY MANAGEMENT MEASURES THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE SMALL BUT CHRONIC

  SURPLUS IN AGRICULTURE NOW DEPRESSING PRICES AND INCOMES"?
- 5. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE THAT "A SYMPATHETIC AND CREATIVE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WORKING WITH FARMERS, CAN DEVELOP SUPPLY MANAGEMENT MEASURES WHICH LIMIT SUPPLIES TO WHAT THE MARKET WILL TAKE AT PARITY INCOME PRICES"?
- 6. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE THAT "BY SUCH POLICIES GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES ON FARM PRICE AND INCOME STABILIZATION WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED -- CERTAINLY BE CUT BY ONE-HALF AND PERHAPS BY AS MUCH AS TWO-THIRDS"? SECRETARY FREEMAN HAS SPENT MORE THAN ANY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IN HISTORY, AND THE COSTS ARE RISING.
- 7. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE THAT "FARM PRICES WOULD BE RAISED

  TO PARITY INCOME LEVELS -- THAT IS, TO LEVELS WHERE RETURNS TO THE

  FARMER'S LABOR, MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL WERE EQUAL TO RETURNS EARNED

  BY COMPARABLE RESOURCES IN NON-FARM EMPLOYMENTS. SHOULD FARMERS

  RECEIVE LESS? SHOULD FARMERS RECEIVE LOW PRICES TO OFFSET INFLATIONARY

  PRESSURES IN OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY? MY ANSWER IS NO. INFLATION

  IS SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US TO COMBAT. IT IS NOT FAIR FOR ONE

  ECONOMIC GROUP TO BEAR THE COST ALONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS."

- 8. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE TO "ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FOOD
  RESERVE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE PURPOSES NEAR IMPORTANT POPULATION
  CENTERS TO PRESERVE LIVES IN EVENT OF NATIONAL DISASTER, OPERATED
  SO AS NOT TO DEPRESS FARM PRICES"?
- 9. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE TO USE OUR AGRICULTURAL ABUNDANCE
  TO BUILD FOR WORLD PEACE?
- 10. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE OF LOANS ON BASIC COMMODITIES AT NOT LESS THAN 90 PERCENT OF PARITY?
- 11. WHAT HAPPENED TO INDUCE THE LIQUIDATION OF 800,000 FARMS BY THE FREEMAN POLICY?
- 12. FARMERS ARE NOW PAYING THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES IN HISTORY.

  WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PROMISES FOR LOWER INTEREST RATES?

  WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THESE PROMISES, SECRETARY FREEMAN?

SINCE SECRETARY FREEMAN ASSUMED OFFICE, THE STATE OF KANSAS HAS LOST ABOUT 18,000 FARMS -- THE NATION HAS LOST 800,000 FARMS. WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS TRAGIC CONSEQUENCE OF INEPT ADMINISTRATION. I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS FOR A MOMENT IN ITS HUMAN TERMS -- NOT IN THE USUAL ECONOMIC NUMERICAL DISCUSSION.

## - HUMAN TERMS -

WHEN THE AUCTIONEER'S HAMMER TAKES ITS FINAL DOWNSWING ON THE TABLE,

AND THE FINAL ACCOUNTING IS MADE FOR ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS, WHAT HAS

HAPPENED? WE HAVE SEEN FRIENDS DISAPPEAR IN DISCOURAGEMENT. WE HAVE SEEN

TOWNS DISAPPEAR, AND WITH THEM TRUSTED BUSINESSES. WE HAVE SEEN CHURCHES

DISAPPEAR, AND WITH THEM THOSE WHO OFFICIATED AT SO MANY IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS

IN OUR LIVES.

CONCURRENTLY, WE ARE SEEING THE MOST PROMISING OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE FOR THE CITY BECAUSE THE FARM WAS NOT PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE RETURN FOR EVEN ONE FAMILY -- LET ALONE TRYING TO FORM ANOTHER. THUS, WE HAVE LOST THOSE WITH THE BEST EDUCATION, THOSE WITH THE BEST JOB SKILLS AND THOSE WITH THE MOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

I THINK IT IS TIME TO STOP THESE FORCED SEPARATIONS OF MOTHERS AND SONS, AND MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS. TOO MANY GOODBYES HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED. WE MUST REVERSE THE MARCH AND MAKE RURAL AMERICA THE PLACE TO WORK, RAISE A FAMILY, EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN, AND GO TO CHURCH. WE INTEND TO MAKE RURAL AMERICA ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY ATTRACTIVE. THEY HAVE BEEN TOO LONG NEGLECTED.

FOR THE SMALL TOWNS' IMAGINATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS
CAN OPEN THE WAY TO THE LOCATION OF NEW INDUSTRIES. IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, BETTER SCHOOLS, AND MORE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC UTILITIES
IN RURAL AREAS WILL HELP TOWARD THE SAME GOAL. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN
DIRECTLY ASSIST BY EMPHASIS ON THE DISPERSAL OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS TO
OUR SMALLER TOWNS AND DISADVANTAGED RURAL AREAS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

I BELIEVE IN TAX INCENTIVES -- WHETHER DIRECT CREDITS, ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION, OR A COMBINATION OF THE TWO -- FOR BUSINESSES WHICH LOCATE BRANCH OFFICES OR NEW PLANTS IN POVERTY AREAS, IN RURAL AMERICA.

BUT ALONG WITH THIS, WE NEED TO RECREATE FARM PROSPERITY. TO THIS END, I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK. THE FIRST JOB AHEAD IS TO RID THE FARMERS OF THE FREEMAN POLICY TO DEPRESS FARM PRICES AND CLEAN OUT THE SWOLLEN BUREAUCRACY HE HAS CREATED. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE NOW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S GRAND DESIGN ALL ALONG WAS TO LOWER FARM PRICES.

# - FACTS ABOUT FREEMAN'S POLICIES -

SINCE SECRETARY FREEMAN TOOK OFFICE HE KEPT THE FIRE SALE SIGN OVER HIS SALES OFFICE TELLING ONE AND ALL TO COME AND GET IT CHEAP. LISTEN TO THE GIGANTIC QUANTITIES OF FEED GRAINS HE HAS SOLD DURING HIS MARCH BACK-WARD TO THE LOW PARITY RATIOS OF THE 1933-37 PERIOD:

CORN - 3 BILLION BUSHELS

GRAIN SORGHUMS - 1 BILLION BUSHELS

OATS - 50 MILLION BUSHELS

BARLEY - 140 MILLION BUSHEES

GARDNER ACKLEY, OUR AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, EVEN BOASTED ON AN NBC TODAY PROGRAM THAT USDA WAS SELLING LARGE QUANTITIES OF CORN TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF HOGS. (TRANSLATE GREATER HOG PRODUCTION TO CHEAP LIVESTOCK).

AN ENTERPRISING REPORTER BROKE THE STORY THAT SECRETARY FREEMAN WROTE A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MCNAMARA CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PRICE OF HOGS WAS AT SUCH LEVEL THAT HE WOULD URGE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO BUY OTHER THAN PORK PRODUCTS. FIRST, SECRETARY FREEMAN DENIED THE STORY. LATER THE LETTER WAS PRINTED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FREEMAN, APPROVED THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXPORT OF CATTLE HIDES. I WONDER HOW THIS HELPED OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OR OUR CATTLEMEN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY HIGHER SHOE PRICES.

SECRETARY FREEMAN, IN A MOMENT OF UNCONSCIOUS CANDOR, EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT HE COULD REPORT TO THE PRESS THAT FARM PRICES WERE GOING DOWN.

HE WANTED LOW PRICES TO FORCE, OR INDUCE, PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS. LISTEN TO THIS IN TESTIMONY OF SECRETARY FREEMAN'S ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, ASCS, MR. JAENKE:

"SO WHEN WE EXAMINE PROPOSALS TO INCREASE CCC MINIMUM SALES
PRICES, WE ALSO MUST CONSIDER WHAT EFFECT THOSE PROPOSALS WILL
HAVE ON OUR COMMODITY PROGRAMS. IF MANY FARMERS THOUGHT HIGHER CCC
SALES PRICES WOULD INCREASE MARKET PRICES TO ANY GREAT EXTENT, THEY WOULD
NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAMS. INSTEAD,
THEY WOULD STAY OUT OF THE PROGRAM AND INCREASE PLANTINGS."

SECRETARY FREEMAN MADE THE SAME POINT IN HIS TESTIMONY ON GENERAL FARM LEGISLATION ON APRIL 6, 1965. SECRETARY FREEMAN WAS ABLE TO BLOCK A HIGHER RESALE PRICE UNTIL 1966 WHEN THE REPUBLICANS INSISTED ON A HIGHER RESALE POLICY AS PART OF THE P.L. 480 FOOD FOR PEACE AMENDMENTS. NOW HE CLAIMS IT AS HIS OWN, EVEN THOUGH A HIGHER RESALE WAS FORCED UPON HIM.

WITH ALL THESE FOULBALLS HIT BY ADMINISTRATION BATTERS, IT IS NO WONDER THAT THE PARITY RATIO TELLS US THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FINALLY STRUCK OUT, SO FAR AS AGRICULTURE IS CONCERNED.

### - WHAT I AM FOR -

MY OPPONENT HAS ALLUDED TO MY VOTING RECORD ON FARM LEGISLATION.

I DID VOTE AGAINST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE DUMPING OF GRAIN TO DEPRESS
FARM PRICES.

I DID VOTE AGAINST A PHONY RESERVE BILL UNDER WHICH THE SECRETARY
COULD SELL GRAIN AT SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN PARITY. INCIDENTALLY, THE
HEAVILY DEMOCRATIC CONTROLLED SENATE VOTED DOWN THE SAME PHONY PROPOSAL
BY A WIDE MARGIN.

AS LONG AS I AM PRIVILEGED TO SERVE IN THE CONGRESS, I WILL CONTINUE TO VOTE AGAINST THESE INCOME ROBBING PROPOSALS.

NOW, WHAT AM I FOR? I AM FOR AN END TO THE FREEMAN POLICY OF DUMPING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF BUSHELS OF GRAIN ON THE MARKET IN A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO DRIVE PRICES DOWN IN ORDER TO COERCE FARMERS INTO THE PROGRAMS. LOAN LEVELS SHOULD BE A FLOOR, NOT A CEILING. FOREIGN COMPETITORS IN THE WHEAT EXPORT MARKET ARE CURRENTLY UNDERSELLING US FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE COMPETITIVE AT ALL TIMES IN PRICE, QUALITY AND ALL OTHER TERMS.

I AM FOR AN END TO DELAY OF FOOD FOR PEACE AGREEMENTS AND SHIPMENTS -A CURRENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY. THE FUNCTION OF APPROVAL SHOULD ONCE
MORE BE ASSIGNED TO A WHITE HOUSE BASED FOOD FOR PEACE ADMINISTRATOR -THE EISENHOWER SYSTEM. THE WHEAT MARKET IS BEING HURT BY THE DELAY IN THE
APPROVAL OF AN INDIAN AGREEMENT AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

I AM FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE WORLD THAT ANY COUNTRY THAT SEEKS TO ACQUIRE NORMAL U. S. EXPORT MARKETS THROUGH THE USE OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES IN VIOLATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE WILL FIND US READY TO REACT AND COMPETE REALISTICALLY. THE U. S. HOG PRODUCER IS LOSING \$50 MILLION A YEAR DUE TO EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON LARD TO THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THIS LOSS IN LARD MARKET IS ALSO HURTING THE SOYBEAN PRODUCERS OF EASTERN KANSAS.

I AM FOR CURBING INFLATION AND RESTORING FISCAL SANITY. DURING
THE LAST EIGHT YEARS THE INDEX OF PRICES FARMERS PAY HAS RISEN 18 PERCENT.
IN THE 1953-60 PERIOD, THE INDEX ROSE ONLY 4 PERCENT. CAN YOU AFFORD
ANOTHER 8 YEARS OF SKYROCKETING COSTS AND FREEMAN DEPRESSED FARM PRICES
WITH A RESULTANT 250 PERCENT INCREASE IN FARM DEBT? IN KANSAS, INTEREST
ON MORTGAGE DEBT HAS GONE UP FROM \$16 MILLION TO \$35 MILLION IN THE LAST
EIGHT YEARS.

I AM FOR STIMULATING EXPORTS, NOT RESTRAINING THEM. WHERE IMPORTS
WERE INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF PROGRAMS, EXISTING AUTHORITY SHOULD
BE USED TO LIMIT IMPORTS -- NOT STIMULATE THEM TO HOLD DOWN FARM PRICES
AS FREEMAN DID TO THE DAIRY PRODUCERS.

I AM FOR FARMERS RECEIVING A LARGER SHARE OF THEIR INCOME FROM THE MARKET. CORN AND WHEAT PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ARE 63 PERCENT AND 45 PERCENT OF PARITY RESPECTIVELY. THESE ARE NOT ENOUGH. CONSUMERS ARE WILLING TO PAY FARMERS FAIR PRICES.

I AM FOR THE RIGHT OF FARMERS TO HAVE A GREATER SAY OVER THE MARKETING TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICES OF THEIR PRODUCTS. COOPERATIVES HAVE HELPED TO SOME EXTENT, BUT MORE CAN BE DONE BY THIS FORM OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

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YOUNG FARMERS AND OWNERS OF SMALL FARMS. SPECIAL JOB TRAINING WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR NEEDED SKILLS. THE INITIATIVE WILL BE IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

AND LAST OF ALL, I AM FOR THE FARM PEOPLE OF AMERICA SHARING EQUITABLY IN THE BOUNTY THEY HELP TO CREATE. WITH YOUR HELP, IT WILL BE DONE.

THERE IS NO MAGIC SOLUTION, AND CERTAINLY IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO REVERSE THE PRESENT TREND, BUT THE EFFORT MUST BE MADE, AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION -- WHOEVER IT MAY BE -- MUST BE GIVEN TIME TO BRING ABOUT THE NECESSARY CHANGES.

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