

REMARKS OF  
SENATOR BOB DOLE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

LUNCHEON MEETING  
MIDWEST FEED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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I AM PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AT THIS MEETING OF THE MIDWEST FEED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. I HAVE MET MANY OF YOU ON OTHER OCCASIONS. WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON: OUR SERVICE TO THE FARMERS OF THIS NATION -- YOU IN DEVELOPING AND MANUFACTURING THEIR LIVESTOCK FEED -- MYSELF IN HELPING TO DEVELOP AND REFINE FARM LEGISLATION TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR OPERATIONS.

AS FEED MANUFACTURERS, YOU ARE CONSTANTLY IMPROVING YOUR FORMULAS, TRYING TO GIVE THE FARMER A BETTER FEED AT LOWER COST.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, MY JOB HAS SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. MEMBERS OF BOTH AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES ARE DILIGENTLY WORKING TO IMPROVE FARM LEGISLATION; TRYING TO IMPLEMENT LEGISLATIVE FORMULAS WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE FARMER'S OPERATIONS AND INCOME, WHILE TRYING TO STAY WITHIN A BUDGET.

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LAST THURSDAY, I SPOKE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MY REMARKS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THOSE OF DEMOCRAT NATIONAL CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE O'BRIEN. I KNEW MR. O'BRIEN WOULD BE PARTISAN IN HIS SPEECH. I WAS DISMAYED, HOWEVER, THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO INTERJECT PARTY POLITICS IN THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEMS OF THE AMERICAN FARMER. I DO NOT FEEL WE CAN AFFORD TO ALLOW PARTY LINES TO DIVIDE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OF US MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE. THERE ARE FEWER THAN 50 MEMBERS OF THE 435 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO REPRESENT DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE A DOMINANT FARM CONSTITUENCY. MOST HOUSE MEMBERS ARE WORKING TO HELP THE URBAN DWELLER. THIS IS BIPARTISAN. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ALIKE HAVE LOST RURAL REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS.

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THE DECLINING FARM POPULATION OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS HAS ALSO BEEN BIPARTISAN. THE FARMERS WHO QUIT, THOSE WHO MOVED TO THE CITY, WERE BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS.

LET ME REPEAT: PARTISAN TREATMENT OF OUR FARM POPULATION AND AGRI-BUSINESS IS UNJUST TREATMENT. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE FARMER'S POSITION MUST BE BIPARTISAN. WE NEED TO INCREASE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, SO THAT HE CAN GET BETTER PRICES. THIS IS THE WAY WE CAN REALLY HELP THE FARMER.

CERTAINLY THE LOSS OF OVER 10 MILLION OF OUR FARM POPULATION DURING THE PAST 30 YEARS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND PRODUCTION COMPLICATIONS CANNOT BE BLAMED ON RICHARD NIXON AND CLIFFORD HARDIN.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, HOWEVER, I THINK WE CAN SEE A BASIC RECOGNITION OF THE BIPARTISAN CHARACTER OF AGRICULTURE.

IN DEVELOPING THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1970, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND HIS STAFF SPENT UNTOLD EVENING HOURS WORKING WITH PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO DEVELOP A CONSTRUCTIVE FARM PROGRAM.

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THIS CERTAINLY IS NOT THE FINAL ANSWER -- THE POINT IS THAT ONCE AGAIN AGRICULTURE'S INTEREST IS BEING PROTECTED -- NOT BY ONE PARTY --BUT THE PARTISAN EFFORTS OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES.

I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH YOU, FOR WE SHARE A COMMON CONCERN. IT IS CONCERN FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND FOR ALL SEGMENTS OF AMERICAN LIFE.

WITH THAT CONCERN, WE ALSO SHARE A COMMON DETERMINATION. IT IS A DETERMINATION TO FACE SQUARELY THE PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT, AND TOGETHER DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVE ANSWERS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

LET ME MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR -- JUST AS SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CLIFFORD HARDIN WAS GIVEN THE CHARGE BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO REPRESENT THE FARMERS OF THIS COUNTRY IN THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT -- SO WILL THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FIGHT NOT ONLY IN THE SENATE BUT ALSO IN THE POLITICAL ARENA FOR THOSE INTERESTS, ALONG WITH A COMPARABLE EFFORT BY DEDICATED CONGRESSMEN LIKE BOB POAGE AND HERMAN TALMADGE.

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LET ME SAY AT THIS POINT THAT THOSE INTERESTS -- THE INTERESTS OF FARM PEOPLE -- ARE THE INTERESTS OF AMERICA -- JUST AS THE STRENGTH OF A DYNAMIC AND PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE IS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND PROGRESS FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD.

YOU KNOW AND I KNOW THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR CITIZENS BOTH OVER THE IMPORTANCE AND THE COMPLEXITY OF FARM AND RURAL PROGRAMS.

IF YOU WILL PERMIT ME ONE SMALL PARTISAN REMARK -- AND I KNOW YOU SUSPECT THAT I HAVE ONE LITTLE ONE TUCKED AWAY -- I CAN'T HELP BUT BE DISMAYED BY THE ATTITUDE THAT SOME CITY DEMOCRATS HAVE TOWARD AGRICULTURE.

#### REFUSED TO SERVE

TH AT ATTITUDE WAS MANIFEST THIS YEAR WHEN CONGRESSMAN HERMAN BADILLO OF NEW YORK CITY REFUSED TO SERVE ON THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. CONGRESSMAN BADILLO'S FELLOW DEMOCRATS WERE UNHAPPY THAT HE DID NOT REMAIN ON THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, SINCE THE COMMITTEE OVERSEES THE MAJOR ANTI-POVERTY LEGISLATION CONCERNING FOOD STAMPS, COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION AND SCHOOL NUTRITION. TWO YEARS AGO, REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY CHISOLM SAID, "ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS SOMETHING MORE RELEVANT THAN AGRICULTURE," WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED BY DEMOCRAT COLLEAGUES THAT SHE SERVE ON THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. FOOD IS RELEVANT TO EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS NATION -- AND THAT'S WHAT AGRICULTURE IA ALL ABOUT.

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ALL AROUND US IS EVIDENCE THAT THE FARMERS OF THIS NATION ARE DOING AN OUTSTANDINGLY EFFICIENT JOB OF PROVIDING THE FOODS AND FIBERS ESSENTIAL TO OUR NATIONAL WELL BEING, PLUS MEETING THE IMPORTANT NEEDS OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THE PRODUCTION EFFICIENCIES OF OUR FARMS AND RANCHES UNDERGIRDS THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING -- THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD.

THE BREAKTHROUGH IN OUR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, WHILE CREATING SOME GRAVE AND DIFFICULT TEMPORARY PROBLEMS, ALSO PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS TO HELP THEMSELVES. OUR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IS HELPING US TO BUILD A POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE ORIENTED TOWARD FREEDOM. IT IS STRENGTHENING THE FREE WORLD -- AND YOU ARE HELPING MAKE I SO.

I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE BASIC FACT THAT YOURS IS A GROWTH INDUSTRY -- FARMERS SPENT ABOUT \$7 BILLION FOR FEED IN L(&) -- SOME 40 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN 1960. OUR GROWING POPULATION AND RISING STANDARD OF LIVING POSES A SUBSTANTIAL CHALLENGE TO THE AGRICULTURE OF TOMORROW.

THE ECONOMISTS ESTIMATE THAT AMERICAN FARMERS WILL HAVE TO INCREASE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION BY 1.7 PERCENT ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS TO MEET EXPECTED DOMESTIC AND EXPORT NEEDS. JUDGING BY THE PAST, OUR AGRICULTURE CAN MEET THESE NEEDS IN THE YEARS AHEAD, BUT WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE RECENT PAST WILL NECESSARILY RECUR. OUR AGRICULTURAL ADVANCES HINGE ON OUR ABILITY TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE PER UNIT OF LABOR.

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THIS DEPENDS ON RESEARCH -- BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT, THIS PRODUCTION NEED CAN BE MET THROUGH RESEARCH. PRESIDENT NIXON UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH. THE PRESIDENT ESTABLISHED AS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS OF HIS AGRICULTURAL POLICIES "MORE AND BETTER RESEARCH".

THE DAY IS LONG GONE WHEN HOME-GROWN GRAIN AND A LITTLE SALT AND MINERAL CAN PROVIDE A PROFITABLE LIVESTOCK RATION. RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THAT FOOD FOR LIVESTOCK CAN MAKE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF GRAIN AND FORAGES WHEN PROPERLY SUPPLEMENTED AND BALANCED WITH THE NECESSARY PROTEINS, VITAMINS, AND OTHER ADDITIVES.

MARKET RATIONS TODAY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NUTRITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SOME ELEMENTS ARE REQUIRED IN MICRO AMOUNTS AND MUST BE MIXED WITH PRECISION. BUT FORMULA FEEDS HAVE OPENED A DOOR TO NEW FEEDING EFFICIENCY. THEY ARE BACKED BY THE REPUTATION OF THE COMPANY PRODUCING THEM. THERE IS NO DANGER OF A FARMER MAKING A COSTLY INGREDIENTS MISTAKE -- AND THESE INGREDIENTS ARE THOROUGHLY TESTED FOR QUALITY. MANY FEED COMPANIES HAVE EXPERIENCED NUTRITIONISTS AND VAST RESEARCH FACILITIES, BOTH TO DEVELOP NEW RATIONS AND TO SERVE AS CONSULTANTS TO FARM CUSTOMERS.

THOSE FARMERS THAT CANNOT MAKE A PROFIT CANNOT STAY IN BUSINESS, AND ONLY THOSE WHO STAY IN BUSINESS REMAIN CUSTOMERS. A PROSPEROUS FARMER IS THE BEST CUSTOMER. I DO NOT THINK YOU WOULD BE SATISFIED JUST TO SELL FEED TO FARMERS. YOU SHOULD BE WHOLLY DEDICATED TO THOSE PROGRAMS WHICH HELP FARMERS REALISTICALLY, AND THERE IS A MUTUALITY OF INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH MARKETING AT PROFITABLE LEVELS BETWEEN THE FEED INGREDIENT SUPPLIER AND THE PRODUCER.

AGAIN, I SAY A PROSPEROUS FARMER IS THE BEST CUSTOMER.

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THERE WAS A GREAT POLITICIAN WHO ONCE SAID, "LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD." LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT SOME ITEMS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT FARMERS AND RURAL RESIDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION CAN EXAMINE.

#### FARM INCOME

FIRST OF ALL, THE 1961-1968 AVERAGE REALIZED NET FARM INCOME WAS \$13.8 BILLION. THE 1969 - 1970 AVERAGE -- THE NIXON YEARS -- WAS \$16.0 BILLION UP 16%. YOU AND I KNOW THIS IS STILL INADEQUATE. IT'S STILL NOT FAIR, BUT IT'S A START. WE INTEND TO DO EVEN BETTER WITH NEW PROGRAMS.

#### GRAIN MARKET IMPROVEMENT

I CAN RECALL THE MIX-SIXTIES FARMERS WOULD DREAD THE DAY COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION WAS TO ANNOUNCE THE DUMPING OF SOME SURPLUS GRAIN. IT WAS A PRETTY SURE BET GRAIN MARKETS WOULD DROP 3¢ TO 10¢. I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE MINIMUM LEGAL RESALE FOR GRAINS IS NOW 115 PERCENT OF LOAN. CCC IS GETTING THAT MUCH AND MORE.

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FOREIGN NATIONS KNOW THEY CAN DEPEND ON THE US TO DELIVER THE QUALITY GRAIN THEY WANT. LOCAL CASH PRICES ONCE AGAIN REFLECT EXPORT SALES. THIS IS A HEALTHY TREND. ON TOP OF THIS, THE WHEAT FARMER STILL RECEIVES HIS MARKETING CERTIFICATE FOR 100% OF PARITY ON HIS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND FOR FEED GRAINS WILL RECEIVE A PRODUCTION PAYMENT. FARMERS SELL THEIR WHEAT AND AVERAGE THE MARKETIN CERTIFICATE INCOME, A BLEND PRICE IS THE RESULT.

LET'S LOOK AT THE BLEND PRICE ON WHEAT THE PAST THREE YEARS. IN 1968 IT WAS \$1.79 PER BUSHEL. IN 1969, IT WAS \$1.89 and in 1970 IT WAS \$2.11 PER BUSHEL. IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING WORLD MARKETS FOR U.S. GRAINS, WE CAN FORSEE A FURTHER INCREASE IN THIS BLEND PRICE IN 1971.

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HUNGER AND FOOD

LET US DISCUSS ANOTHER FACTOR OF OUR AMERICAN SCENE. THE QUESTION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN MAY, 1969, PRESIDENT NIXON DELIVERED A MEMORABLE "HUNGER MESSAGE." IN WHICH HE SAID, "THAT HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION SHOULD PERSIST IN A LAND SUCH AS OURS IS EMBARRASSING AND INTOLERABLE." SINCE THAT DATE, THE UNITED STATES HAS MOVED FORWARD IN OVERCOMING THESE PROBLEMS.

WHILE THERE ARE SOME WHOSE HUNGER FOR HEADLINES EXCEEDS THEIR THIRST FOR FACTS, I FEEL YOU SHOULD HAVE AN EXPOSURE TO FACTS OR RECORD SINCE 1969:

-- A TRIPLING IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITTED BY THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, FROM 3.2 MILLION TO 9.5 MILLION.

\*\* MORE THAN A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE PER MONTH IN THE VALUE OF FOOD STAMP BONUS COUPONS, FROM \$22 MILLION TO THE CURRENT MONTHLY VALUE OF \$128.5 MILLION.

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-- AN INCREASE FROM 3.8 MILLION TO 6 MILLION IN THE TOTAL OF NEEDY CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL. SOME 800,000 ADDITIONAL YOUNGSTERS BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS. TOTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM APPROACHES 24 MILLION.

-- A WIDENING GEOGRAPHIC SEARCH TO EXPAND FOOD ASSISTANCE. IN MAY OF 1969, 436 OF THE COUNTRY'S MORE THAN 3,000 COUNTIES AND INDEPENDENT CITIES LACKED A FAMILY FOOD PROGRAM FOR POOR PEOPLE; THE TOTAL HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO 10.

-- A NEAR DOUBLING OF THE TOTAL COVERAGE OF FAMILY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, FROM 6.8 MILLION PERSONS TO 13.2 MILLION TODAY.

THIS IS A PROUD RECORD FOR ALL AMERICA, FOR WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY TO ATTAINING THE PRESIDENT'S GOAL -- TO BANISH HUNGER FROM THIS LAND FOR ALL TIME.

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NEVER BEFORE HAD THE LEADER OF A GREAT NATION SET SUCH A GOAL AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY. NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND HAD A NATION COMMITTED ITSELF TO COPE WITH HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ON SUCH A VAST AND UNPRECEDENTED SCALE. NEVER BEFORE HAVE FARM FAMILIES

BENEFITTED FROM SO MANY NEW AND BETTER CUSTOMERS. **THIS PROGRAM IS OF**

**MAJOR BENEFIT INDIRECTLY TO FEED MANUFACTURERS.**  
BUT, ONE MORE COMMENT. THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM NOW INCLUDES

NEARLY 10 MILLION PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE NATION. IT NOW INCORPORATES A KEY ELEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THAT IS, THE "WORKFARE" PROVISION. IT INCLUDES A SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT THAT THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK SHOULD BE WILLING TO WORK IF THEY WANT TO RECEIVE THE HELPING HAND OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS WHO FINANCE THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

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FARM EXPORTS

JUST A WEEK AGO, THE USDA ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE WITH THE HEADING "1970 FARM PRODUCT EXPORTS HIT RECORD \$7.2 BILLION." THIS WAS 22 PERCENT ABOVE 1969. ALL OF US SHOULD REJOICE THAT AMERICAN FARMERS CRACKED THE \$7 BILLION BARRIER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY -- AND LIKE THE MAN SAID, "YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET," BECAUSE WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO A \$10 BILLION ANNUAL EXPORT GOAL.

YOU AND I KNOW IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE EXPAND OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. IN CONSIDERING FARM POLICY, ONE MUST BE SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT EXPORT OUTLETS FOR FEED GRAINS, WHEAT, COTTON, AND SOYBEANS , INCLUDING THE PRODUCTS, PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT SHARE OF THE MARKET. AND WE HAVE TO BE MOST CONCERNED WITH THE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THESE OUTLETS.

OUR PROGRAMS MUST LOOK TO OVERSEAS MARKETS, AND WE MUST BE PREPARED TO COMPETE FOR MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF OUR PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IF U.S. FARM EXPORTS ARE TO REACH OUR \$10 BILLION GOAL BY THE NEXT DECADE -- A NECESSARY OBJECTIVE -- THEY MUST MOVE COMPETITIVELY IN THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD. IT WILL BE OUR POLICY TO DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO STIMULATE EXPORT MARKETS FOR U.S. FARM FAMILIES. WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE KENNEDY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. WE KNOW NOW THAT IN THAT ROUND AGRICULTURE WAS TREATED AS A POOR RELATIVE.

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- FUTURE OUTLOOK -

NOW, LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL AND SEE WHAT AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION IS PENDING IN COMING MONTHS.

FIRST, THE SUGAR BILL EXPIRES THIS YEAR. THE PRESENT PROGRAM REGULATES SUGAR IMPORTS AND ASSURES DOMESTIC PRODUCERS ABOUT 60% OF THE TOTAL MARKET. A DECREASING SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS IS MADE TO THE PRODUCER, BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF HIS PRODUCTION. THE ACT IS IN EFFECT SELF-FINANCING. HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THIS LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED EARLY IN 1971.

SECOND, PESTICIDE LEGISLATION IS TO BE CONSIDERED. I NEEDN'T REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LEGISLATION. THERE ARE TWO FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THIS LEGISLATION:

- (1) THEY ARE DANGEROUS. THEY WILL KILL OR INJURE IF NOT HANDLED AND APPLIED PROPERLY.
- (2) THEY ARE VITAL TO AGRICULTURE. THESE CHEMICALS HAVE IN SOME CASES, REPLACED THE "HIRED" MAN ... IN FACT, SEVERAL HIRED HANDS IF YOU WERE TO ATTEMPT TO FARM WITHOUT THE VALUABLE "TOOLS" OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION BY THIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD CLASSIFY THESE CHEMICALS AND RESTRICT THE USE OF THE CHEMICALS. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON THIS LEGISLATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN THE SENATE. THEY ARE ALREADY

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UNDERWAY IN THE HOUSE. CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM IS AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER. THROUGH THE USE OF SEDIMENTATION AND OTHER TECHNIQUES, THE ABATEMENT OF WATER POLLUTION FROM ANIMAL FEEDLOTS CAN BE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED. THE REAL PROBLEM IN CONTROLLING THE AMOUNT OF RUNOFF RAIN WATER THAT MOTHER NATURE CHOOSES TO DROP IN THE FEEDLOT AREA. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON THIS PROBLEM SOON.

- RURAL DEVELOPMENT -

THIRD, RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS A TERM USED THROUGHOUT THE NATION TODAY. SOME PEOPLE WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE IT IS THE ANSWER TO ALL THE ILLS OF THE CITY. SOME PROPONENTS VISUALIZE LITERALLY MOVING THOUSANDS OF OUR URBAN DWELLERS BACK TO THE RURAL COMMUNITIES. I'VE SEEN THE MESS SOME OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS HAVE CREATED -- AND WE DON'T NEED TO COPY THAT MESS IN RURAL AMERICA.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CLIFFORD HARDIN ARE MEETING IN DESMOINES, IOWA TODAY TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT. AND I FEEL SURE WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO PERTINENT STATEMENTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ON AGRICULTURE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AFTER ALL, THE FACT THE PRESIDENT NAMED A MAN FROM A SMALL TOWN OF 6,500 IN WESTERN KANSAS AS NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN IS A GOOD INDICATION HE IS CONCERNED WITH HELPING AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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THERE HAVE BEEN MANY THOUGHTS, COMMENTS AND PLANS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS TODAY WILL PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE IN BRINGING TOGETHER THESE DIVERSE EFFORTS. MANY OF HIS COMMENTS WILL BE BASED ON REPORTS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES AS REQUIRED IN TITLE IX OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1970.

TITLE IX OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1970 REQUIRES FEDERAL AGENCIES TO APPRAISE EXISTING RURAL PROGRAMS AND ASSURE RESIDENTS OF RURAL AREAS THE SAME FEDERAL SERVICE AND PRIVILEGES THE URBAN DWELLER ENJOYS.

THE RURAL TELEPHONE BANK BILL WAS FAVORABLY REPORTED BY THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>last week,</sup>. THIS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PENDING IN THE PAST FOUR CONGRESSES, BUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS THE FIRST TO ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT IT. I BOTH HOPE FOR AND ANTICIPATE PROMPT PASSAGE OF THIS CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURE. IT WILL ASSURE RURAL AMERICA THE MEANS TO ESTABLISH COMPARABLE TELEPHONE SERVICE AS IS AVAILABLE IN URBAN AREAS.

A RURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK TO MAKE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR EXPANSION OF RURAL PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES HAS ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED. CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH IS UNDERWAY ON OTHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION, INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION AND EXPANSION OF THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM.

TO CONCLUDE, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO SOME AREAS WHERE I SEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY:

(1) REALIZED NET FARM INCOME WHICH AVE AGED \$16 BILLION DURING THE 1969-1970 PERIOD WAS 16% HIGHER THAN THE 1961-1968 AVERAGE

(2) THE PAST CCC STOCKS HAVE BEEN REDUCED AND THAT GRAIN SOLD AT LEVELS WHICH STABILIZED PRICES.

(3) AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ARE ESSENTIAL "TOOLS" FOR FARMERS, AND THIS ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TO PRESERVE THEIR CONTINUED SAFE AND APPROPRIATE USE.

(4) FARMERS LIKE A CHANCE TO BE INDEPENDENT AND TO MAKE AS MANY DECISIONS ON THEIR FARMS AS POSSIBLE. THIS ADMINISTRATION HELPED CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION WHICH, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE, PERMITS FARMERS TO PLAN MORE OF WHATEVER CROP MAKES HIM THE MOST MONEY.

(5) EXPORT SALES HELP STABILIZE DOMESTIC PRICES FOR GRAIN AND THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS ACTIVELY PURSUED EXPANSION OF FARM EXPORTS.

(6) WE ALL FEEL AN OBLIGATION AND A DESIRE TO FEED THE POOR AND HUNGRY THROUGH COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION, SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS, AND THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. THESE PROGRAMS ARE BEING EXPANDED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT LOSING CONTROL OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION.

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- (7) I think WE ALL AGREE WITH THE WAY LOUIS ARMSTRONG PUT IT ON A RECENT TELEVISION INTERVIEW AS HE RECALLED AN ADMONITION OF HIS FATHER, "WE OUGHT TO HELP THE POOR, NEEDY PEOPLE . . . BUT NOT THE POOR, LAZY". IF A MAN IS NOT HANDICAPPED AND CAN WORK, HE SHOULD BE WILLING TO WORK TO EARN FOOD STAMPS OR WELFARE PAYMENTS.
- (8) DAIRY FARMERS HAVE DERIVED SATISFACTION FROM ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS, AND THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT HOUSEWIVES USE THE "LOW PRICED SPREAD."
- (9) CERTAINLY WE ALL AGREE THE LOW 16.7 PERCENT OF DISPOSABLE INCOME THE AMERICAN CONSUMER PAYS FOR FOOD IS THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN THE WORLD.

SO LET'S KEEP TABS -- DEEDS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. FROM THIS LIST AND THOSE ITEMS WE SEE AS POSSIBLE LEGISLATION IN THE FUTURE, WE ARE SURE THAT A BRIGHT FUTURE IS AHEAD FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER UNDER REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS.

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