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COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
SMALL BUSINESS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0503

March 20, 1992

SR-185

121 Cannon

4:30

11:15-12:45

The Honorable Robert Dole
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bob:

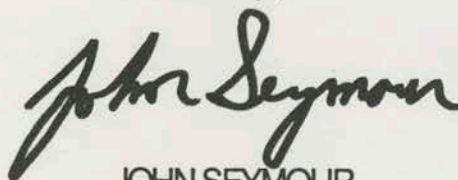
Previously, the participants of the California Agricultural Leadership Program have greatly appreciated your taking the time to speak with them regarding agricultural issues before the Congress.

This year, I am again sponsoring the meeting, and both the members of the Leadership Program and I would appreciate your participation. As you may know, the California Agriculture Leadership Program includes a select group of men and women actively involved in all phases of California's agribusiness community. For the past twenty years, the program has selected thirty exceptionally promising agriculturists to visit other states in the union and selected foreign countries. A week in the nation's capitol is the highlight of their exposure to agriculture's role in the United States and the world. Your time and insight would be much appreciated.

This year's program meeting is on April 8, 1992 from 11:15 a.m to 12:45 p.m. in 121 Cannon. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend, please have a member of your staff contact Carter Brown of my staff at 224-0590 in order to arrange a time.

I appreciate your consideration and hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,



JOHN SEYMOUR

JS/rg

regret - accepting the Boy Scout Patriot Award at 12:00 at Wash. Court Hotel (12:00-1:30)
will speak - work out time around Boy Scout Award

SENATOR BOB DOLE
CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
APRIL 8, 1992

***THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE
TO BE WITH YOU THIS MORNING
TO BRIEFLY SHARE SOME OF MY
VIEWS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN AGRICULTURE TODAY.**

C.I.S. CREDITS

***AS YOU KNOW, THE
ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY
ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR AN
ADDITIONAL \$1.1 BILLION IN
AGRICULTURAL CREDITS FOR
THE C.I.S. -- \$600 MILLION TO
RUSSIA AND \$500 MILLION TO
THE UKRAINE AND OTHER
REPUBLICS -- WHICH I EXPECT**

**WILL MEET WITH BROAD
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE
SENATE.**

***THAT ALLOCATION, ONCE
APPROVED, WILL BRING OUR
CREDIT ASSISTANCE TOTAL TO
\$4.85 BILLION -- AND MARKS A
POINT IN TIME WHERE WE MAY
NEED TO STEP BACK AND TAKE
A LOOK AT HOW WE WILL BE**

**DEALING WITH THESE
REPUBLICS IN THE FUTURE.**

***FOR STARTERS, A LOT HAS
CHANGED IN THE LAST YEAR
AND IN THE PAST SEVERAL
MONTHS. WE ARE NO LONGER
DEALING WITH ANY OFFICIAL
CENTRAL ENTITY, SO WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS
EACH REPUBLIC ON AN**

INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

***IN THE PAST, THE
REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS
WERE JOINT AND SEVERAL
AMONG TWELVE REPUBLICS,
BUT NOW WE SEE THAT LOOSE
COALITION BREAKING APART
AND WE'RE GETTING INDIVIDUAL
REQUESTS.**

***AND THAT MEANS THAT WE
MUST LOOK AT EACH REPUBLIC
INDIVIDUALLY -- INCLUDING NOT
ONLY THEIR NEEDS FOR
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
BUT THEIR ABILITY TO REPAY
THE CREDITS AS WELL.**

***BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT
WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO
MEET THE NEEDS OF THE**

**PEOPLE OF THAT REGION --
BECAUSE THEY DESPERATELY
NEED OUR ASSISTANCE AND
BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING
TO DO.**

GATT

***I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE
RUMBLINGS OF PROGRESS THAT
IS REPORTEDLY OCCURRING IN
GENEVA -- ALTHOUGH**

WATCHING FOR GATT
DEVELOPMENTS IS A LOT LIKE
WATCHING PAINT DRY.

*WE'VE SEEN EFFORTS TO
REACH AN AGREEMENT
ESCALATE TO CABINET LEVEL
NEGOTIATIONS, AND I HOPE
THAT SENSE OF URGENCY DOES
NOT TRANSLATE INTO A BAD
AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN

**AGRICULTURE -- ONE THAT
GIVES AWAY MORE THAN WE
GET IN TERMS OF EXPANDED
MARKETS.**

***I'VE GIVEN THAT MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT ON NUMBER
OF OCCASIONS, AND I THINK HE
REALIZES THAT A BAD
AGREEMENT IS NOT GOING TO
BE UPHELD IN THE SENATE.**

FOOD SAFETY

***AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS
HAS STRUGGLED FOR SEVERAL
YEARS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PASS
SOME KIND OF FOOD SAFETY
MEASURE.**

***GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE
PRIMARY STUMBLING BLOCK
CONTINUES TO BE THE
DETERMINATION BY SOME**

**MEMBERS TO LEGISLATE ON
THE BASIS OF FEAR OF THE
UNKNOWN, RATHER THAN ON
SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE.**

***I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT SOME
OF THE RIGID PROPOSALS
FLOATING AROUND WOULD
HAVE -- NOT JUST UPON
FARMERS AND THE FOOD**

**INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE -- BUT
ALSO UPON THE AVERAGE
AMERICAN WHO DEPENDS UPON
AND EXPECTS A SAFE, DIVERSE,
AND AFFORDABLE FOOD
SUPPLY.**

***THERE IS A RESPONSIBLE
PIECE OF LEGISLATION PENDING
IN THE HOUSE, BUT WE STILL
FACE AN UPHILL BATTLE--THE**

**SUPPORT AND COOPERATION
OF ALL OF YOU INVOLVED IN
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
PRODUCTION WILL BE VITAL TO
ENSURE THAT COMMON SENSE
PREVAILS.**

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

***AND COMMON SENSE NEEDS
TO BE A CENTRAL THEME IN ANY
ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

**THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED THIS
YEAR.**

***AS CALIFORNIANS, YOU
KNOW TOO WELL THAT THE
ISSUE OF THE 90'S IS ALREADY
WELL-DEFINED -- WATER. IN
KANSAS, THE LINES HAVE
ALREADY BEEN DRAWN IN
REGARD TO BOTH WATER
QUALITY AND QUANTITY -- WITH**

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATION'S FIRST "PESTICIDE
MANAGEMENT AREA" AND THE
DIVERSION OF IRRIGATION
WATER TO PROTECT
WATERFOWL HABITAT.**

***WHETHER THE SUBJECT IS
WETLANDS, CLEAN WATER,
CLEAN AIR OR PESTICIDE
REGULATION, WE NEED TO**

**BRING A SENSE OF BALANCE TO
THE DEBATE AND LET THE
WORLD KNOW WHAT FARMERS
AND RANCHERS -- AS PIONEER
ENVIRONMENTALISTS -- ARE
DOING ON A DAILY BASIS TO
PRESERVE OUR NATURAL
RESOURCES WITHOUT THE
HEAVY-HANDED PRESENCE OF
FEDERAL MANDATES.**

**AGAIN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
BE HERE. JOHN SEYMOUR IS
DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB
FOR CALIFORNIA'S AGRI-
BUSINESSES. I'D BE HAPPY TO
TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.**