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BOB DOLE

Dear Congressman Dole:

After attending the "Second International Conference on War on Hunger," I put a note in my unfinished business file to drop you a line to tell you how much I appreciated your concise and comprehensive analysis of the importance of P.L. 480 and the need to more effectively implement various aspects of the program.

Along with you, I deeply regret the failure of this administration to implement fully the War on Hunger that was authorized in the 1966 bill. I particularly share with you the need of accelerating technical assistance in developing nations.

I had the opportunity of testifying on March 2, 1966 and was particularly impressed at that time with your proposal for "Farmer-to-Farmer" concept.

Along with you, I had high hopes that the rather broad bill that was passed would be accorded the attention and implementation that it deserved.

I am enclosing a copy of my March 2, 1966 testimony before the Cooley Committee, since I could not help but sense the sharp parallels between my own thinking and your comments on February 20th. I was pleased at the time that my major concern with the importance of food distribution could result in having the language of the Food for Freedom bill broadened to emphasize "distribution" along with primary production and processing of food.

I think it is vitally important that the points that you stressed in your February 20th comments to the conference be brought

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graphically to the Committee's attention. I further hope that the Committee will be reminded also that the War on Hunger is intimately interrelated, not only with the problems of primary production and processing, but also with the necessity of developing modern, integrated channels of food distribution that can provide the mass distribution outlets so vital to the development of mass production technology. To the best of my knowledge, neither the FAO, AID, nor any other national or international agency has any programs operating in the developing areas to attack this basic problem of modernizing the distribution structures--the fragmentation of which is serving to drastically inflate consumer prices while restricting the development of mass producer markets with their attendant incentive values to the farmer.

In the event this point of view has not been brought to the attention of the Committee and in the event that additional hearings are called, I would again be happy to prepare another statement or make a presentation in person to the Committee emphasizing this aspect of the War on Hunger, which I sincerely believe has been tragically been overlooked.

As a matter of personal reference, I am attaching a brochure on my own background that was prepared some years ago at the request of Senator Hart, who at that time was attempting to secure my appointment as a delegate to the OEEC in Paris. After several years have passed, it looks pretty redundant, but it should serve the purpose of giving you some insight into my own background and knowledge of world food distribution problems.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Since I was so impressed with your presentation, I would like the opportunity to stop in your office one of these days to further get the benefit of your thinking in this vital area.

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