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- ① xerox + yellow note to Kathy Wallman
 - ② til pres. corresp. that w/ counsel shld draft response but I want to see it

took to Pres.

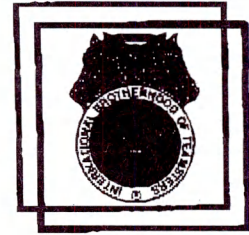
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Jen → Anything else w/ this?

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check w/ pres. corresp. to see how draft is going

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OFFICE OF
RON CAREY
GENERAL PRESIDENT

October 11, 1996

The President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Recently the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it was barring Sun Diamond Growers of California from bidding for federal contracts in the aftermath of the conviction of that enterprise in federal court on eight felony counts of providing illegal gifts to former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, as well as illegal campaign contributions to his brother.

We read that announcement with considerable satisfaction, because we represent 40,000 workers in the cannery industry, including hundreds employed by Sun Diamond, and thousands more in food processing. We were aware of Sun Diamond's illegal behavior long before the special prosecutor was appointed, and we did what we could to see the case go forward.

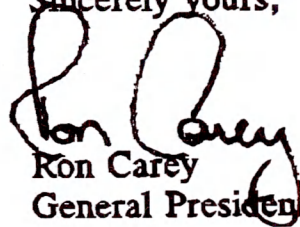
But now that Sun Diamond has been debarred, we understand from news reports that subsidiary enterprises affiliated with Sun Diamond are nevertheless to be allowed to bid on contracts and sell products to the USDA school lunch and other programs. That would be both an outrage and a scandal.

I have written Secretary Glickman asking for his assurance that the Department of Agriculture will not accept bids or make contract awards or otherwise do business with Sun Diamond and its subsidiaries. I'm certain that you share our sense of indignation that an organization like Sun Diamond would break the law and compromise members of your cabinet.

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I hope you will make it clear to your appointees at USDA and throughout the government that companies and coops that break the law lose all eligibility for federal business in the Clinton Administration.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Carey
General President

RC/bh

10/15/96

Kathy-

This looks like
an enforcement and
a policy matter.

Per the policy
matter, do we or does
Justice have a policy
on whether subsidiaries
should be barred from
contracting with the
fed. govt. when a
parent company is
so barred?

Per the rest, is
there any ~~in~~ inquiry or
other thing we can do
here?

-Jen O'C