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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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September 5, 1974

MEMORANDUM TO: Mike Duval
The White House

I think it would be a good idea if President Ford would see William Kuhfuss, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer, sometime soon.

The Farm Bureau is by far the largest general farm organization in the country with 2,293,680 families as members. Four out of five organized farmers belong to the Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau has been very helpful in getting legislation on the Hill. They have also made it a point to be out in front actively supporting Administration positions. They have substantial influence on the Hill.

The Farm Bureau supports the Administration's views on fiscal responsibility -- including favoring cuts in the Department of Agriculture budget. They support the Trade Bill, and are otherwise philosophically in our corner.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is a conservative organization. It has membership all across the country, Republicans and Democrats alike. It is especially strong in the South and Midwest.

President Ford has worked with the Farm Bureau over the years. He will recall speaking to their national convention a few years ago, as well as keynoting their national convention in Atlantic City last January. He has also worked with Elton Smith, President of the Michigan Farm Bureau, who is on the board of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

A meeting with Kuhfuss and Fleming would give the President an opportunity to personally thank them and the Farm Bureau for their continued support of the economic and political philosophy of the Administration. He could ask for their help on the Trade Bill, on balancing the budget, and their best efforts to constrain inflation. The President could accent the need for full and efficient production in agriculture, and the importance of adequate food and fiber in maintaining world peace.

Bill Kuhfuss is an Illinois farmer. Before becoming President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, he was President of the Illinois Agricultural Association, which is the state Farm Bureau organization in Illinois.

Roger Fleming is Secretary-Treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He has headed up the Washington, D. C. office for a long while and is in charge of the Farm Bureau's legislative liaison work. He has held the Washington, D. C. spot since 1948, through three Farm Bureau Presidents -- Allan Kline (1946-54), Charles Shuman (1954-70), and now Bill Kuhfuss.

Earl L. Butz
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Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1974

MEMO FOR:

NORM ROSS

FROM:

JOHN CALHOUN

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I had recommended that this group contact you directly.

Although 90% in the Democratic camp, they are loud and they lobby very well. Al Quie (R. Minn.), a close friend of the President's, does receive their support in Minnesota, and he will probably back this meeting.

I know the group and can get concessions for you.

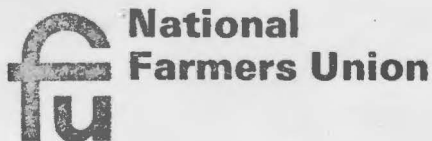
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THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

Farmers Plan Plea to Ford
For Rise in Milk Price A 1





National
Farmers Union

Office of the President

September 6, 1974

The Honorable
Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

We are greatly impressed and heartened by the initiative you are taking to receive the views of American citizens regarding the national economy.

Early in the week of September 16th, from 90 to 100 Farmers Union members who are dairy and livestock producers will be in Washington, D.C. These farmers are typical of many thousands caught in a devastating economic squeeze by rising costs and falling milk prices.

These farmers are eager to see you and to tell you of their concern that milk production may be cut seriously below the nation's needs this winter unless immediate action is taken. They have asked me to try to arrange for them to meet with you, or with your personal representative, to present their concern and supporting evidence in detail.

We would appreciate the opportunity for this group to meet with you, and perhaps with Mr. Norman Ross, the Associate Director for Agriculture and Human Affairs of the Domestic Council in the White House, on Tuesday afternoon, September 17th, or at another time on that day, or at any time on Wednesday, September 18th.

We wish you well in your efforts to deal with our pressing economic problems and hope that we can contribute to the goals you have set for the American people.

Sincerely,


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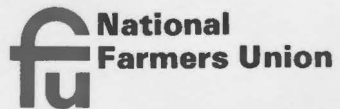
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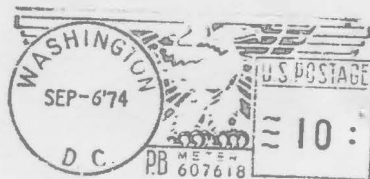
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Mr. John Calhoun
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September 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND
FROM: NORM ROSS
SUBJECT: Request from Tony Dechant, President
of National Farmers Union, for a meeting
with the President

I do not recommend the President to meet with Tony Dechant at this time. The National Farmers Union is a very visible and active political organization which has not supported Administration positions and are not philosophically in our corner.

I do, however, recommend that the President meet with a farm group and that group be the American Farm Bureau Federation. A schedule proposal is attached. After the meeting with William Khufuss, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a meeting with Tony Dechant could take place whenever the President's schedule permits. A joint meeting is not recommended.

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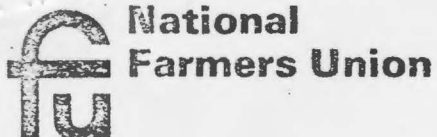
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December 12, 1974

MEETING WITH WILLIAM KUHFUSS

Friday, December 13, 1974
12:50 p.m. (10 minutes)
The Oval Office

From: Ken Cole

I. PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity to personally thank the Farm Bureau for their continued support of your economic policies and to request their support, prior to their major conference in January, in your efforts to fight inflation.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: The Farm Bureau is by far the largest general farm organization in the country. The Bureau has been very helpful in getting out in front actively supporting Administration positions, including favoring cuts in the Department of Agriculture budget, supporting the Trade Bill, and your views on fiscal responsibility. As a Congressman for some 25 years, you met with members of your local Farm Bureau each fall to discuss the problems and challenges of the coming year. As Vice President, you addressed their national convention last January. Secretary Simon has been requested to address their national convention in January of next year.



B. Participants:

William Kuhfuss, President
American Farm Bureau Federation

Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer
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Staff: Ken Cole

C. Press Plan: Photo opportunity

III. TALKING POINTS

1. Our Nation's fight against inflation is a top priority item. What recommendations do you have from the agricultural sector which would help us whip inflation?
2. What is your reaction to the recent World Food Conference? Do you favor a costly system of Government-held reserves as a way to solve our world food problems?
3. Thank you for your continued support. I do, however, stress the need for full and efficient production in agriculture, and the importance of adequate food and fiber in maintaining world peace.

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