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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 1, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:
  - President's signature.
  - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
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- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: President Ford  
From: Congressman Olin M. Teague - T-3/00  
Date: October 21, 1974  
Subject: Questions concerning Farm Problems.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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Suggested reply to letter to President Ford from Congressman Olin M. Teague concerning questions on farm problems.

I regret the long delay in responding to your letter of October 21, with which you enclosed a letter from Jimmy Nicholson, President of the Navarro County Farm Bureau. Mr. Nicholson comments favorably on the performance of agriculture and advocates use of the market system rather than a growing role for Government.

These are views with which the Administration concurs, as witnessed by our efforts to curtail Government expenditures and to rely on markets rather than Government regulation whenever possible. President Ford's recent proposals with respect to the energy problem are illustrative, as are his recommendations for dealing with the recession.

We find it difficult, sometimes, to use the market in preference to Government actions because so many people seem to prefer the regulatory route.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: Honorable Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 1

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Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: William H. Busch

Date: QBC Sales Co., dated Oct. 24

Subject: Wants to know why can't we use same type of leverage with our rice as Arabs do with their oil

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By direction of the President:  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director, Domestic Council



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Date: Nov. 1

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.

Assistant Director, Domestic Council



(White House Suspense Copy)

December 10, 1974

Mr. Kenneth E. Ross, Jr.  
Domestic Council Staff  
The White House

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Dear Mr. Ross:

In reply to your request, enclosed is a draft reply to a letter from Mr. William H. Bush, Des Plaines, Illinois, responding to his suggestion that the U.S. place a surcharge on its rice exports to the Arab world and that the U.S. form a group of grain exporting countries for greater leverage in dealing with the Arab oil producers. We have cleared this letter with State Department since it discusses several foreign policy matters.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON YEUTTER  
Acting Secretary

Enclosures

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Draft Reply to Letter of October 24, 1974 from William H. Busch,  
Des Plaines, Illinois to The President

Mr. William H. Busch  
QFC Sales Co.  
3150 Des Plaines Avenue  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

The President has asked me to reply to your recent letter in which you suggested that we place a surcharge on our exports to the Arab world and that we form a group of grain exporting countries for greater leverage in dealing with the Arab oil producers.

In the past year the United States has received a number of suggestions that we attempt to force a change in the Arab export policies by denying them access to our food exports or by charging them prices in excess of the prevailing world market levels. It is highly doubtful, however, that such export restrictions would achieve our goals. Since there are alternate world market suppliers for most food products, unilateral U.S. export restrictions would probably have the effect of reducing our farm sales without putting any real pressure on the energy-supplying nations. In addition, such actions would be no more defensible in the eyes of the world than the irresponsible Arab oil embargo.

The suggestion that the United States form a consortium of grain exporting countries also runs counter to current U.S. efforts in the international trade area. We are opposed to cartel-like arrangements among commodity exporters for the purpose of driving up prices and we are working actively to discourage such actions in international forums such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Access to markets and supplies is expected to be a major subject of negotiation in the GATT's forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations.

It should be noted that the U.S. response to price gouging efforts by producer groups is not passive. Specifically with regard to oil, we are continuing our efforts to persuade the other major importing nations to join with us in developing a coordinated energy policy and to convince oil exporters that cooperation rather than confrontation is in their national interest. The Congress has also indicated its willingness to act in this area. The recently-signed Export Administration Act states that it is U.S. policy "to foster international cooperation and the development of international rules and institutions to assure reasonable access to world supplies". Economic retaliation is also prescribed when



countries deny us access to their supplies in two areas of the Senate Finance Committee's version of the Trade Bill, which is still awaiting final Congressional approval.

For additional information on this subject, you might find interesting the enclosed Congressional bulletin, "Data and Analysis Concerning the Possibility of a U.S. Food Embargo as a Response to The Present Arab Oil Boycott".

Enclosure



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

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To: Honorable Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 1

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Bill Busch

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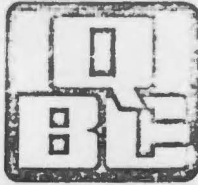
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Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director, Domestic Council



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**OBC SALES CO.**

Manufacturers Representative

50 DES PLAINES AVENUE / DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS 60018 / PHONE (312) 299-6186

October 24, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr President:

I recently read an article in the Chicago Tribune which stated that exporters in the United States have agreed to ship some 200,000 tons of rice to Iran this year, at a price of approximately \$425.00 per ton. It went on to state that we sold a considerably smaller quantity of rice to Iran last year but at a price of over \$700.00 per ton.

I assume the article to have been true due to the way it was written and because the Tribune said they had done research on the subject.

The question I ask is: "Why can't we, the American people, put a surcharge on this rice and recruit some of the excess dollars that are flowing to the Arab world, Iran in particular, for payment of their high priced oil?"

It is my understanding that Iran is one of the leaders in jacking up the price of oil and that they continue to thumb their nose at our request that they lower the price. I would have to go along with them in this action. Why should they lower the price of oil when we are foolish enough to sell them our rice at such a discount? Why, when the world is in such need of grain this year, do we do this?

If we could form a group of exporting grain countries into a single unit, we would have the same type of leverage with our rice that the Arab nations have with their oil.

Arabs can't eat their oil, I think this should be made very plain to them.

Very truly yours,

By: Wm. H. Busch  
Wm. H. Busch

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cc: Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III  
Senator Charles Percy  
Representative John Erlenborn



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Honorable Don Brock  
U. S. Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 1, 1974

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Tele:456-6554

Description:

Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To: **The President**  
 From: **Dr. H. M. Silberman**  
 Date: **October 9, 1974**  
 Subject: **Suggests Butz be replaced;**



By direction of the President:

**Norman E. Ross, Jr.**  
Assistant Director, Domestic Council

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: Honorable Richard Feltner  
Assistant Secretary for Marketing & Consumer  
Services, Dept. of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 1, 1974

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: President Ford  
 From: ~~Norm~~ Frank Plano, Editor (Managing) of Record-Herald Company, Wausau, Wis.  
 Date: October 25, 1974  
 Subject: Concerned about the straits of the Dairy Farmer



By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Programs  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 1, 1974

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To: President Ford

From: Congressman Bob Sikes

Date: October 8, 1974

Subject: Suggesting that a representative of the Independent Bakers Association be consulted in regard to future decisions concerning grain exports.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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To: Honorable Clayton Weutter  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs & Commodity  
Dept. of Agri.

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: R. L. Moore, President, Independent Beef Producers of America

Date: Oct. 28

Subject: Expressing encouraging news from Washington concerning buying calves for school lunches

telePhone: 456-6554

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.

Assistant Director, Domestic Council



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The White House  
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11 DEAR MR PRESIDENT WE RECEIVED VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

12 TODAY THE USDA ADVISED EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4 THAT ALL PURCHASES

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14 FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM WILL UTILIZE CALVES INSTEAD OF

15 ALL CHOICE BEEF THIS WILL HELP USE UP OUR OVERSUPPLY AS IT TAKES

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17 THREE CALVES TO EQUAL ONE FED STEER IN POUNDS OF BEEF THIS WILL

18 CREATE A LARGER DEMAND FOR FAT CALVES AND BETTER UTILIZE THE

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20 AVAILABLE BEEF SUPPLY WITH EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN

21 LICK OUR PROBLEMS RESPECTFULLY

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23 R L MOORE PRESIDENT INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS OF AMERICA

24 PO BOX 1011 CLARKSVILLE TX 75426

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Congressman Bill Alexander

Date: October 17, 1974

Subject: Wanting the President to urge H. R. 15263 - the Rice Act.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

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(White House Suspense Copy)

October 22, 1974

Dear Bill:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your October 17 telegram to the President urging that the Administration express its interest in having H. R. 15263, the Rice Act of 1974, brought to the floor of the House before recess.

As you know, many bills were log-jammed in committee prior to adjournment. Hopefully, with election out of the way, these will move to the floor after November 18. I do want you to know that your message about H. R. 15263 will be called to the President's early attention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Bill Alexander  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Norm Ross for appropriate handling.  
bcc: w/incoming to Ken Haggerty, OMB - FYI

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Mr. Richard Feltner  
Assistant Secretary for Marketing  
and Consumer Services  
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: November 1, 1974

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Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: President Ford  
From: Mr. Morris Cohen, President of the Snyder Scholarship Fund  
Date: October 19, 1974  
Subject: Requesting that his birds be escorted directly to the quarantine facility by Federal agents.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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To: President Ford  
From: Congressman Wright Patman  
Date: October 14, 1974  
Subject: Depressed condition of the cattle and dairy industries.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

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October 14, 1974

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your October 10 letter to the President concerning the depressed condition of the cattle and dairy industries.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the President's attention at the earliest opportunity. He is very much aware of this situation and I am certain your suggestions to bring relief to these industries will be given careful consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Wright Patman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

~~cc:~~ w/incoming to Norm Ross for appropriate action.  
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To: President Ford  
From: Russell Hill  
Date: October 8, 1974  
Subject: Presenting a plan to control the sale of bread grains to other nations

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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Draft Reply to letter of October 8, 1974 from Russell  
C. Hill, San Antonio, Texas to The President.

Russell C. Hill  
123 East Hollywood  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of October 8 which suggested a plan to control the sale of bread grains to other nations and to pay American farmers the difference between the domestic price and the price paid by foreign buyers. Essentially your plan would require that all exports of feedgrains be licensed by the Department of Agriculture and sold at premium prices above the domestic grain prices. The difference between the two prices would, after the deduction of commissions, be remitted to the Department of Agriculture, which in turn would pay out the net proceeds to participating growers near the end of the calendar year.

We appreciate such suggestions from concerned citizens as we seek to develop food policies which will maximize benefits to American agriculture, domestic consumers, and the nation's economy. After careful study, however, we feel that certain aspects of your plan are not consistent with the long-term goals we are seeking and probably could not be legally effected by the Administration under its current legislative authority.

In developing changes to our current food policies it is important to remember the uniqueness of the current market and the likelihood that more normal supply/demand conditions will return in future years. Given normal weather and production levels in the world next year, the U.S. will again be competing with the other major suppliers in the world feedgrain market. In such a normal situation, the U.S. would be in no position to demand premium prices from its traditional commercial buyers.



It has been our experience to date that the best way to maximize the U.S. agricultural production and to assure adequate supplies for domestic consumers and export sales is through an unencumbered free market. This policy currently enables American feedgrain growers to produce at full capacity, without costly government payments. Establishment of a continuing export licensing system, coupled with a premium price requirement on export sales, would provide a disincentive for American farmers to produce at a time when the world is counting on us for increased production. Creation of an agency within the Department of Agriculture to record all export sales and commissions and to distribute grower proceeds would increase government costs when we are trying to reduce government costs in agriculture. Finally, a government-administered export licensing system in normal supply situations doubtless would exceed our legal authority under the Export Administration Act.

In fiscal year 1974, agricultural exports from this country totaled \$21.3 billion and were a major factor in offsetting our balance of payments deficit. To continue to grow and prosper, U.S. agriculture has to export. We are aware of the current problems caused to our feedgrain crops by this year's unusual weather, but we expect more normal prices and supplies next year. Meanwhile we thank you for your suggestions as we continue to study and improve our policies in this area.



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To: President Ford  
 From: Mr. Garnett A. Kelly  
 Date: October 11, 1974  
 Subject: High prices that farmers have to pay compared to the money he takes him from his salable products.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
 Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
for Agriculture

Date: November 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
  - President's signature.
  - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

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REMARKS:

If appropriate, please prepare a draft response to Congressman Pickle and return the entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, White House

Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President  
From: Congressman Pickle  
Date: October 25, 1974  
Subject: Asked that the Administration have a new leader in the Department of Agriculture

By direction of the President:

R/p

*Did not respond - sent entire file to central file Per NR 1-8-75*

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director, Domestic Council



Completed -  
Sent to C.F.  
11/12 -  
Sent to Tom Kowalski

November 5, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** WILL ERWIN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**FROM:** NORM ROSS

**SUBJECT:** Pierce Packing Company  
Billings, Montana

**Attached is a memorandum from Mike Mansfield concerning financing of the Pierce Packing Company in Billings, Montana.**

**Please advise me as to what actions, if any, can be done for the Pierce Packing Company to help them with their financial difficulties.**



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: **Honorable Clayton Yeutter**  
**Assistant Secretary**  
**Department of Agriculture**

Date: **Nov. 5, 1974**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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  - Undersigned's signature.
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**REMARKS: Please prepare a draft response to Congressman Wilson's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB, White House**

**Description:**

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: **The President**

From: **Congressman Charles Wilson**

Date: **October 11, 1974**

Subject: **Concerning financial pressures ranchers and dairymen in his Congressional district**

By direction of the President:

**Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director**  
**Domestic Council**

R/p



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed  
WTF  
12/2/ -

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: November 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford  
From: Patrick B. Healy, Secretary National Milk Producer Federation  
Date: October 22, 1974  
Subject: Milk Problems.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: **Honorable Richard Feltner**  
**Assistant Secretary for Marketing & Consumer Services**  
**Department of Agriculture**

Date: **November 5, 1974**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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  - Undersigned's signature.
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**REMARKS:**

**Please prepare a draft response to ~~Max~~ Senator Nelson's inquiries and concerns and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB White House**

**Description:**

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: **The President**  
From: **Senator Gaylord Nelson**  
Date: **October 17, 1974**  
Subject: **Concerned about the dairy industry and the price-cost squeeze affecting the dairy farmers**

By direction of the President:

**Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director**  
**Domestic Council**

R/pt



October 21, 1974

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your October 17 letter to the President concerning the economic problems of the dairy industry and suggesting that parity be raised to 90 percent at this time.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the prompt attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff. The President is aware of the price-cost squeeze affecting the dairy farmers and has asked that the situation be closely monitored.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom C. Kerolesos  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Gaylord Nelson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

✓cc: w/incoming to Norm Ross for further handling.

TCK:EF:VO:vo



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: November 5, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

~~XXXXXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford  
From: Joseph M. Algino  
Date: October 15, 1974  
Subject: Is there any program underway to control export commodity prices?

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By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

11-29  
WHF

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
  - President's signature.
  - Undersigned's signature.  
(draft reply back to Kerologos)
  - Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
  - Direct reply.
  - Furnish information copy.
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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response to Senator McGee's inquiry and return entire file to Norm Ross, Rom 218, White House Tele 456-6554

Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Senator Gale McGee

Date: Oct. 25, 1974

Subject: Re red meat importations

By direction of the President:  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.,  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

R/p



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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  - ~~XXXXX~~ \_\_\_\_\_ Undersigned's signature.
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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response to Dr. Thorne's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, White House, Room 218

Description:

~~XXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Dr. Joseph L. Thorne, University of Arkansas

Date: October 21, 1974

Subject: Offers ideas to problems we are facing in the agricultural areas - grain production and placing unemployed people in respected and productive occupations.

By direction of the President:

R/p

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



REFERRAL

04-66496

Rm

To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**REMARKS:**

Please prepare a draft response to Dr. Thorne's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, White House, Room 218

**Description:**

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President

From: Dr. Joseph L. Thorne, University of Arkansas

Date: October 21, 1974

Subject: Offers ideas to problems we are facing in the agricultural areas - grain production and placing unemployed people in respected and productive occupations

By direction of the President:

R/p

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

(White House Suspense Copy)



November 19, 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council  
The White House

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PRESIDENT'S RECORDS SECTION

Dear Mr. Ross:

Enclosed is a draft reply to Dr. Joseph L. Thorne,  
Center for Community Education, University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, Arkansas, as requested in your Referral  
of November 6, 1974.

Please note we suggest the incoming letter be referred  
to three departments.

Sincerely,

DONALD E. BROCK  
Executive Assistant  
to the Secretary

Enclosure

SEC:RDMcMillen-RMcD:11/15/74 SEC #04-66496  
Ext. 73805



Draft Reply for signature of Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant  
Director, Domestic Council.

Joseph L. Thorne, PH.D.  
Center for Community Education  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter to President Ford.

Your suggestions about a program that might increase both  
grain production and employment are being forwarded to the  
Departments of Agriculture, Health, Education and Welfare  
and Transportation for their consideration.

It was good of you to write to the President.

Sincerely,

NORMAN E. ROSS, JR.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Den Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response to Dr. Thorne's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, White House, Room 218

Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President

From: Dr. Joseph L. Thorne, University of Arkansas

Date: October 21, 1974

Subject: Offers ideas to problems we are facing in the agricultural areas - grain production and placing unemployed people in respected and productive occupations

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

R/p



(Department or Agency copy)



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS · College of Education

October 21, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20501

Mr. President:

This is an effort to attack two problems that presently plague not only this Country but the entire world: (1) Grain production and (2) the placing of unemployed people in respected and productive occupations.

There are many median strips of present interstate highways, representing thousands of acres of unused land, which can be put to use as productive grain acreage and provide meaningful employment for thousands of Americans who have joined our unemployment ranks.

It is envisioned that the median strips of our interstate highways be planted in such a manner as to produce one, or two, or more harvesting strips. Many portions of the Southern states would lend themselves to the sowing and reaping of more than one yearly harvest. In my own mind, I have tried to work out the details for implementation of such a plan. Present capabilities of our agricultural, educational, and interstate highway construction institutions could be marshalled in such a way as to provide a cooperative effort.

#### Agricultural

The agricultural know-how is available through our extension services within each state and county. Agricultural machinery purchase, use, maintenance, and repair services are also available through these same agencies. The services could be, and should be, provided through the county government system. Grain storage and refining services are also available to most county governments.



October 21, 1974

### Educational

Educational services are now available in the form of Community Schools (Special Programs-ESEA) for facility use and program development. County extension services are capable of providing the instructional personnel for such a program. Community Schools, in cooperation with agriculture extension and home economic services, can provide training services in the areas of grain planting, soil preparation, farm machinery operation, farm machinery repair, food harvesting, and food preparation from grains.

### Interstate Highway Departments

In the State of Arkansas, interstate highway construction programs are between 95 and 100% complete. Many acres of median strips are now available for immediate grain production. The only element lacking is the incorporation of this philosophy and idea into the thinking of those who construct highways and maintain the median strips.

### Control Component

County governments are an ideal organizational unit for the hiring of personnel, food processing, food distribution, personnel-payroll administration, purchasing, storage, and maintenance of farm machinery and have immediate access to the records of persons within their county who are in need of such grain products.

It is envisioned that the flour that is made available through this program be distributed to those who are presently in need. The county governments could set up a distribution system whereby those receiving food stamps would be able to purchase the flour for the making of bread and other edible products at the cost of processing alone. Schools and other non-profit organizations could consume the balance of the processed grains.

It appears to me that such a program would do two things: (1) It would relieve the food need problems of many of our people within this country and (2) provide meaningful employment for those who are about to embark on psychologically damaging experiences of unemployment.



October 21, 1974

It is evident to me that additional advice should come from the Secretary of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Education, and your Director and Advisor of Funding for Interstate Highway Construction.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Thorne, Ph.D.  
Center for Community Education  
University of Arkansas

JLT:lnh

cc: C. A. Vines, V.P. Agriculture  
University of Arkansas



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: President Ford  
 From: Stephen C. Steinberg  
 Date: October 9, 1974  
 Subject: an Agricultural fertilizer that has been developed.

*forwarded to  
John Schaffner's office  
ag - who has  
sent to TVA for  
direct reply.*

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
 Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed  
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11/25

To: **Honorable Clayton Yeutter**  
**Assistant Secretary for International Affairs &**  
**Commodity Programs, Department of Agriculture**

Date: **Nov. 6, 1974**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**REMARKS:**

**Please prepare a draft response to Mr. George's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, White House, Tele; 456-6554**

**Description:**

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: **The President**

From: **Clarence P. George; Downey - Calif.**

Date: **Oct. 7**

Subject: **Disappointed with the promises Sec. Butz made and expresses his financial concern as it relates to his farming business**

R/pt

By direction of the President:  
**Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant**  
**Director, Domestic Council**



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: November 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: President Ford  
From: Georgia A. Handley, Administrator of Howard B. Stark, Inc. of California  
Date: October 18, 1974  
Subject: Temporary extention of the Sugar Act.

*and 12-14-74*

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

December 10, 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council  
Room 218, OEGB  
The White House

Dear Mr. Ross:

Enclosed is a suggested reply to a letter to President Ford from Ms. Georgia A. Handley, Administrator for Howard B. Stark, Inc. of California relating to passing a Sugar Act on a temporary basis.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON YEUTTER  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure



DRAFT REPLY TO MS. GEORGIA A. HANDLEY, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

This is in reply to your letter of October 18 recommending that the Sugar Act be extended temporarily until the Congress can consider a longer extension.

We share your deep concern about the recent sharp increases in the price of sugar and are acutely aware of the severe cost-price squeeze in which industrial users of sugar now find themselves. We know only too well how much sugar prices have increased and how this affects candy manufacturers.

The current sugar situation is due to tight supplies on the world market. In view of this situation, it is doubtful that a sugar policy such as has been in effect for the past 40 years would accomplish its objective.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response ASAP and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB, White House

Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: John E. Olson, SbuX Falls, S. D.

Date: October 25, 1974

Subject: Expressing appreciation to the President for his indepth review of the financial status of Agriculture, and his positive approach toward the solution of the problems.

By direction of the President:

R/p Tele:456-6554

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

Completed  
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11/25

To: Mr. Don Breck  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response to Mr. Frazier's letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, OEOB, White House, tele: 456-6554

Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: President Ford

From: Monty W. Frazier, Pre., The National Progressive Corp. of America

Date: Oct. 8, 1974

Subject: Has an idea to combat inflation

By direction of the President:

R/pt

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant  
Director, Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

To: **Mr. Don Brock**  
**Executive Assistant to the Secretary**  
**Department of Agriculture**

Date: **Nov. 6, 1974**

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

**Please prepare a draft response to Charles Evans' letter and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, White House, tele; 456-6554**

Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: **The President**

From: **Charles Evans, Jr., Chicago, Ill.**

Date: **October 8, 1974**

Subject: **Defending Secretary Butz, saying he is doing a great job. ~~Exitting~~ Criticizing Sen. Jackson**

R/p

By direction of the President:

**Norman E. Ross, Jr.,**

**Assistant Director, Domestic Council**



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

Please prepare a draft response to the attached telegram from Mr. Albright and return entire file to Norm Ross, Room 218, White House

Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President

From: W. L. Albright, Executive VP, Hereford, Texas

Date: October 11, 1974

Subject: Asks that immediate cessation of Federal Government intervention take place in economic activities resulting in controls, ceilings, and praising the strong leadership he has provided

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By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant  
Director, Domestic Council



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

*we called him  
instead  
11/20*

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Robert W. Long  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

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REMARKS:

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Description:

Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: The President

From: J. M. Boswell, President, Cumberland College

Date: Oct. 29, 1974

Subject: Requesting ~~representation~~ clarification on Agriculture's option to purchase 8500 acres which was granted by Cumberland College to U. S. Forest Service - This has become a legal matter.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 6, 1974

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Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: **The President**

From: **State Senator Fleming and Mrs. Fleming, Sidney, Nebraska**

Date: **Oct. 28, 1974**

Subject: **Complaining about the hard times farmers are having**

By direction of the President:

**Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council**

R/p



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Richard Feltner  
Assistant Secretary  
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Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President

From: Patrick B. Healy, Secretary, National Milk Producers Fed.

Date: Oct. 31 1974

Subject: Concerned over dairy import quotas

R/p

By direction of the President:  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Domestic Council

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Richard Feltner  
Assistant Secretary for Marketing  
and Consumer Services

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To: President Ford  
From: Richard V. Kain  
Date: October 15, 1974  
Subject: Problems with fertilizer prices. ( High cost of all items on a farm)

By direction of the President:

*and 12-7/74*

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
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To: Honorable Robert W. Long  
Assistant Secretary for Conservation  
Department of Agriculture

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Description:

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To: The President

From: W. J. Worthington, Inglewood, Calif

Date: Oct. 23, 1974

Subject: Letting the President know that Mr. McGuire proposes to commercialize Parks areas by constructing campgrounds and roads

~~No subject.~~

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

*ansd 12-13-74*



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Description:

Letter:  Telegram:  Other:

To: The President

From: Commissioner Jim Buck Ross, Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce, Jackson, Miss

Date: October 14, 1974

Subject: Asking that the President use his own good judgment to establish a highly usable, credible agricultural export policy

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director, Domestic Council

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*Ans'd*  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

December 13, 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Domestic Council Staff  
The White House

Dear Mr. Ross:

In reply to your request enclosed is a draft reply to a letter from Mr. Jim Buck Ross, Jackson, Mississippi, in which he requests that the President establish a usable and credible agricultural export policy.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. BELL  
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure



Draft Reply to Letter of October 14, 1974 from Jim Buck Ross,  
Jackson, Mississippi, to the President

Mr. Jim Buck Ross  
Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture  
and Commerce  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

The President has asked me to reply to your recent letter in which you requested that he develop a usable and credible agricultural export policy.

The unusual weather conditions in 1974 have caused several problems for the American farmer, and the supply and price situations which followed have created equal problems for the U.S. Government in the administration of its agricultural export programs. It is important to our consumers that we assure that sufficient reserves are maintained to meet domestic consumption needs and that we be aware of the effects that our export policies have upon domestic prices. At the same time, however, you are correct in pointing out that our policies must be consistent from year to year, and they must take into account the long-term investments of the American farmer. We feel that our recent actions and future plans will provide the type of credible program you request.

As you may know, in mid-September our export monitoring system was revised so that all exports in excess of 100,000 tons to any destination had to be reported on a daily basis. As shown by the events of October 4-5, this system worked, enabling us to forestall unusually large sales of wheat and corn to the Soviet Union which could have had a disruptive effect on our domestic economy. On October 7, Secretary Butz acted further to implement a voluntary export reporting system. An important feature of this system is a requirement for prior USDA approval of export sales of wheat, corn, sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, and soybean oilcake and meal which exceed 50,000 tons in any day to any one destination or cumulatively exceed 100,000 tons per week to any one destination. Under the new system, exporters will also report any



destination changes of their shipments. These actions were taken reluctantly in an effort to make imposition of mandatory export controls unnecessary, while at the same time guaranteeing the availability of adequate supplies to meet the normal requirements of both our domestic and foreign customers.

Our plans for next year are pretty well set and should remove some of the concerns and problems you mentioned in your letter. First, we intend to continue all out production for all major commodities. Barring a return of this year's adverse weather conditions this should result in record production levels to meet increasing domestic and world demand. Second, because agriculture must export to grow and prosper, we will continue our efforts to maximize agricultural exports. Agriculture is our largest single export industry and is a reliable source of export earnings. In fiscal year 1974, agricultural exports from this country totaled \$31.3 billion and were a major factor in offsetting our balance of payments deficit. We currently export more than three-fourths of our wheat production, more than two-thirds of our rice, half of our soybeans, two-fifths of our cotton, two-fifths of our tobacco, and more than one-fourth of our feed grains. Finally, we will try wherever possible to reduce farm input costs. This effort will include our continuing battle against inflation (which affects all inputs) and our international efforts to increase world fertilizer production.

Given normal weather conditions the above programs should result in greater production and lower costs in 1975. In the meantime, we thank you for your thoughts and expression of support.



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 7, 1974

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To: President Ford  
From: Senator Stuart Symington  
Date: October 10, 1974  
Subject: encourage the construction of new fertilizer plants.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Programs

Date: November 7, 1974

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To: President Ford  
From: Congressman Paul Findley  
Date: September 27, 1974  
Subject: First Lady's remark about "eat-less-meat" campaign.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Richard L. Feltner  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: ~~The President~~ Norm Ross

From: Several signers: Testeller; Green; Wade; Glaze (Bob and Ben) McQueen; Denton

Date: Oct. 19

Subject: Concerned about DAIRY prices, etc.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr. Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

NOV 27 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council  
The White House

Dear Norm:

Enclosed is a draft of a reply to a mailgram to you from  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Testaller, et al.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Feltner  
Asst. Secretary

Richard L. Feltner  
Assistant Secretary

2 Enclosures



Draft reply to the mailgram from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Testaller, et al., concerning the plight of dairy farmers.

Thank you for your recent mailgram which contained a message for President Ford concerning the economic situation facing dairy farmers.

The present dairy situation is of great concern to us and has received considerable attention in recent weeks. President Ford has met with Congressmen representing dairy States and has conferred at the White House with dairy producers to get firsthand information about their problems. On a number of occasions, the President has publicly stated his concern over the present cost-price squeeze affecting dairy farmers.

In addition, President Ford had made several firm commitments to dairy and livestock producers. He has indicated that import quotas on dairy products will not be increased under existing circumstances; and no action will be taken to change import quotas without full opportunity for dairy farmers to be heard first. Further, should the European Common Market countries reinstitute subsidies on dairy products directed for sale here, countervailing duties to reverse the advantage resulting from such subsidies will be enforced on such products. The President also intends to either impose quotas on meat imports or negotiate voluntary export restraint agreements with foreign suppliers if meat imports threaten to pick up markedly during the next year. In addition, he recently imposed quotas on Canadian livestock imports designed to get Canada to remove their quotas on U.S. livestock. Also, at President Ford's request, the Department of Agriculture plans to step up its purchases of beef for use in child nutrition programs. Because of extensive areas of drought, emergency loans for livestock producers are now available. All of these actions are directed to the improvement of the economic plight of the family farmer.

We also share your concern regarding the current feed supply situation. In response to the failure of this year's harvest to meet our earlier expectations of a record crop, the Department of Agriculture has taken several actions to help assure the greater availability of feed grains for domestic use. USDA revised its export monitoring system and has established a system of voluntary cooperation whereby grain exporters obtain USDA approval prior to making large export sale contracts. Also, both Japan and the European Economic Community have verbally pledged to reduce their feed grain purchases in the United States by 10 percent.

The President is actively participating in the considerations of agricultural and other economic problems facing the Nation. Letters like yours are deeply appreciated as we search for solutions.



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To: President Ford  
 From: Mr. Joseph C. Muhler  
 Date: October 30, 1974  
 Subject: He needs nitrogen and propane.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
 Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
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Date: November 12, 1974

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To: **President Ford**  
 From: **Mr. Gordon Van Vleck, Pres. of the American Natl. Cattlemen's Association**  
 Date: **November 5, 1974**  
 Subject: **Plight of the cattlemen.**

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By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
**Norman E. Ross, Jr.**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Domestic Council**

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(White House Suspense Copy)

Draft reply for letter to Mr. Gordon Van Vleck, President of the American National Cattlemen's Association.

This is in reply to your recent letter to President Ford commenting on the economic situation for cattlemen, and discussing the need for improved information about costs, margins and profits in the meat processing and distribution sector, to supplement currently available facts on cattle production costs, prices and returns to producers.

We share your concern about the economic situation confronting cattlemen during this stage of the cattle production cycle, uncertainties in the outlook for coming months, and additional pressure on cattle prices relative to retail beef prices because of widened farm-retail marketing spreads. At USDA, the Economic Research Service continues its studies of factors in the wider marketing spreads and opportunities for reducing marketing costs such as increased productivity. These supplement continuing work in monitoring price spreads for meats and other important farm foods.

The examples you cited of recent statements about differences in meat marketing spreads for individual retailers compared with published carcass-to-retail spread illustrate the range of variations among firms that are averaged out in the calculations for the entire U.S.; and they underscore the need for continued study and additional detailed analyses in this important area of our research. USDA's published beef marketing spreads are calculated for Choice beef, using an average retail price for a composite of retail cuts weighted in carcass proportions. Individual retailers' meat margins may vary with the grade and mix of beef they purchase, degree the beef is processed before its purchase, and their distance from major livestock slaughter areas.

Within each region or major consuming area, average meat prices and margins will also vary for individual retailers, about an average for all firms.

USDA's published beef live-to-carcass and carcass-to-retail spreads do not show, respectively, a "packer spread" and a "retailer spread," although many users of the data interpret them in that way. Rather, they show only a processing spread from the live steer to the dressed beef carcass, and a combined breaking-shipping-and-distribution spread from the dressed carcass to the retail meat case. Thus, many retailers' margins would typically average below the aggregate carcass-to-retail spread as published.



We are continuing to examine meat-price spreads procedures for possible improvement that will help better explain these variations, as well as keeping abreast of changes in cost factors represented within the price spreads. USDA is releasing weekly estimates of meat price spreads for more timely public awareness of developing trends.

We anticipate that there will be continuing study and discussion of several suggestions you have made. We appreciate very much your support of our efforts to slow the rate of inflation.

Sincerely,

Enclosure



DRAFT

Dr. James P. Clouse  
Professor, Agricultural Education  
Division of Vocational-Technical Education  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Dear Dr. Clouse:

Thank you for your letter of October 22 in which you expressed appreciation to President Ford for his thought-provoking address at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 15. You may be assured that President Ford equally appreciated the opportunity to share his views and concerns regarding the control of inflation with such a prestigious group of young people with which he is well acquainted.

Your expressed concern about the shortages of trained teachers of vocational agriculture has been noted. Unfortunately, this information is not generally known. A copy of your letter is being forwarded to the U.S. Office of Education, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, which I understand has been in communication with you.

Sincerely,

Prepared by: OE/BOAE/HNHunsicker/11-14-74/59824



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1974

TO: ROBERT LONG

FROM: NORM ROSS

Would you please draft a response  
and return to my office by Wednesday  
November 13 at noon.

Many thanks.

*This went to Roland  
Elliott 11/27 for  
Paul Theriault's  
signature -*





## VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Blacksburg, Virginia 2406

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

October 22, 1974

Mr. Paul Theis  
Executive Director  
The Whitehouse  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Theis:

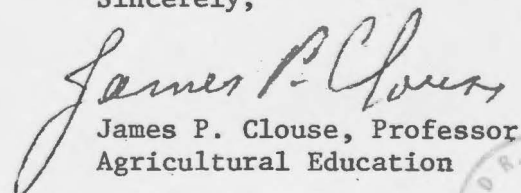
I am sorry that I was not able to get in touch with you prior to President Ford's speech before the FFA Association Convention last week in Kansas City.

Certainly he did an excellent job relating to the members of the FFA and expressed the concerns of the country and the need for cooperative action in a most effective manner.

There is an additional concern that we in Agricultural Education have that I share with you in the hopes that any support you can give will be done. We have a growing program of Agricultural Education in all respects with the number of students increasing from approximately 500,000 to almost 600,000 during the past year. There is, however, a real shortage of teachers of Vocational Agriculture throughout the country. The program cannot continue to grow unless we get more teachers prepared to work with the students in the high schools. For example, at the present time, there are 11,000 teachers of Agriculture in the United States. To fill all the positions currently vacant, it would take almost an additional 1,000 teachers. Virginia has a similar problem. When school started this fall, there were 19 vacancies here in Virginia. We anticipate that this shortage will continue for a number of years. Hopefully, with additional publicity about the shortage more young people will be interested into going into teaching and something can be done to improve the number being prepared for this important work.

Again, let me thank you for the preparation of an excellent speech for President Ford. It was a real pleasure for us to have him as a part of our National FFA Convention Program.

Sincerely,

  
James P. Clouse, Professor  
Agricultural Education

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 18, 1974

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Lee Perkins, Vice President, The Independent Beef Producers

Date: Nov. 5, 1974

Subject: Asking to sell Government on canned meat program using excess cows and grass fed steers.

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

12-23



November 18, 1974

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your October 23 memorandum regarding financial assistance under the rural development program to the Pierce Packing Company of Billings, Montana.

We would like very much to be in a position to assist this company. However, I am told by our Agriculture specialists that the firm is located within the City of Billings and the population of Billings exceeds 50,000. Business and industrial loans authorized by the rural development program are limited by statute to communities of not more than 50,000 persons.

This, of course, precludes participation in the Rural Development program. I wonder if there is some other program under which they might qualify?

I regret I could not provide you with a more positive response, but I thought you should have the facts as I found them.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Tom C. Korologos  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

✓cc: Norm Ross

TCK:jlc



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November 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: **WILLIAM ERWIN**  
**ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR**  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

FROM: **NORMAN E. ROSS**

The attached memo from Senator Mansfield to Tom Korologes is self-explanatory.

It would be appreciated if someone in your office would investigate the Pierce Packing Company and assist them in any financial aid they need. Please advise me immediately what is being done to help this very important and necessary industry in Billings.



MIKE MANSFIELD  
MONTANA

United States Senate  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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October 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM

FOR : Tom C. Korologos  
FROM : Senator Mike Mansfield *Mc. Mc.*  
SUBJECT: Pierce Packing Company, Billings, Montana

Farmers Home Administration Director in Montana, Richard Smiley, has had discussions with the Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary, William W. Erwin and Frank B. Elliott, regarding financing of the Pierce Packing Company in Billings, Montana. Pierce Packing Company is a very important industry in the State of Montana and is the largest employer - approximately 500 - in Billings. In recent months, Pierce Packing Company has undergone periods of financial difficulties and are now in the process of attempting to salvage the business. It is apparent they are going to need some additional financial assistance in the neighborhood of \$2-3 million. The local and New York bankers are at their limit.

If it can be arranged, Pierce Packing Company would like to be considered for an FHA loan in the vicinity of \$2-3 million. Action is important as soon as possible so as to keep the company operating. This is a family firm that has been operating in Montana for many years and has the support of the entire community.

I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with the Department to expedite the discussions to see what can be done to help and, also, dispatch an expert in packing to Billings to get a personal report on the situation. ||



**November 1, 1974**

**Dear Senators:**

**This is to acknowledge and thank you for your memorandum regarding the Pierce Packing Company's interest in receiving an FHA loan. As you asked, I have made known your request that the Department of Agriculture dispatch an expert in packing to Billings to get a report on the situation.**

**With warm regard,**

**Sincerely,**

**Tom C. Kersteges  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President**

**The Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**✓ huc w/incoming to Norm Ross -- would you see what, if anything, can be appropriately done**

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Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: Jim Buck Ross, Commissioner, Mississippi Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce

Date: Nov. 4, 1974

Subject: Asking that farm inputs come down or give increases to farm f prices

By direction of the President:

Norman E. Ross, Jr., Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 19, 1974

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To: President Ford  
From: Mr. Raymond Schmidt  
Date: November 12, 1974  
Subject: Spraying Boll weevil cotton.

By direction of the President:

*Over  
12/7/74*

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Richard Feltner  
Assistant Secretary for Marketing  
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Date: November 20, 1974

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To: President Ford  
From: Patrick B. Healy, Secretary - National Milk Producers Federation  
Date: November 15, 1974  
Subject: Class I milk raised.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs and Commodity Program

Date: November 20, 1974

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To: Steeves Smith - Gwen A. Anderson

From: Charles E. Tyson - LeRoy G. Hoffman

Date: October 9, - October 18, 1974

Subject: Serious problems that the cattlemen are having.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford

From: G. L. Walts - Executive Vice President of the National Turkey Federation

Date: November 12, 1974

Subject: He is against the grain exports.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
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To: President Ford

From: Congressman Peter A. Peyser

Date: November 4, 1974

Subject: Endorsing the Rice Act.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council

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November 7, 1974

Dear Pete:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your November 4 letter to the President recommending that he specifically endorse as necessary legislation H.R. 15263, the Rice Act.

You may be assured your letter will be called to the prompt attention of the President and the appropriate members of the staff.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Peter A. Peyser  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: President Ford  
From: Mr. John W. Scott - Master of the National Grange  
Date: November 15, 1974  
Subject: They want Class I milk prices raised.

By direction of the President:

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Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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To: President Ford  
 From: Robert M. Koch - President of the National Limestone Institute  
 Date: November 8, 1974  
 Subject: He wants the present Agriculture situation cleared up. He is doing a questionnaire about the situation and is sending along some of his results.

By direction of the President:

*Handwritten:*  
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12-14-74

Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

December 10, 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council  
The White House

Dear Mr. Ross:

In response to your request of November 20, enclosed is a draft reply to the letter of November 8 from Mr. Robert M. Koch, President, National Limestone Institute, Inc., concerning the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON YEUTTER  
Acting Secretary

Enclosure



DRAFT REPLY TO LETTER FROM MR. ROBERT M. KOCH, PRESIDENT,  
NATIONAL LIMESTONE INSTITUTE, INC., CONCERNING THE  
AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE  
OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Your November 8 letter was very complimentary of the way in which employees of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service have carried out their responsibilities in the administration of the farm programs. I agree the agency has a fine reputation for performance down through the years and appreciates your recognition of that fact. Your letter was critical, however, of what you view as efforts to dismantle the agency by reducing the scope of the conservation program.

It is true that some reductions in county office personnel have recently been made and there will doubtless be additional reductions before the end of this fiscal year; but these reductions do not relate to any anticipated changes in the conservation program. The employment reductions currently being made by that agency are due to substantially reduced work on the production adjustment and price support programs. As you know, those programs were designed to reduce production during periods of surplus and also to provide support for sagging prices resulting from such surpluses. Under the current agricultural situation, programs to reduce production not only are not necessary, they are undesirable -- we want more production. Also, current market prices are generally well above support levels provided by the price support programs. Therefore, there is little activity in those programs in most county offices.

A combination of these factors has caused a substantial reduction in work in many ASCS county offices. The situation is being analyzed county by county by the various State offices in consultation with each affected county office.

In making this analysis county by county, a reduction of work in the conservation program has not been anticipated because the size of that program has not yet been determined. Therefore, for purposes of planning employment requirements, the conservation program work is being projected at or about the same level as for fiscal year 1974.

The conservation cost sharing program along with all other programs which require the expenditure of public funds is, of course, being carefully scrutinized in light of current priorities. It has always been one of the principles of the program for the government to only share the cost with farmers of carrying out conservation practices which would not be carried out without government assistance. Its main purpose was to encourage farmers to initiate conservation measures; but it was never intended that the government continue cost sharing indefinitely for well established conservation practices.



We, of course, understand fully the need for continuing effort to conserve all of our natural resources, but we must carefully consider the priorities involved when expending public funds for any purpose. We do believe that the higher income levels of the past three years are enabling farmers to broaden their efforts to protect their land and its fertility.



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 To: President Ford  
 From: Edwin D. Eshleman  
 Date: November 11, 1974  
 Subject: Sugar Prices

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
 Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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~~XXXXXX~~ Letter: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford  
From: Nicholas p. Spallas - Chairman International Dairy Conference  
Date: November 13, 1974  
Subject: He feels we need a World Dairy Agreement.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.,  
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To: President Ford

From: Tom Hager - Hager Brothers Eggs

Date: October 31, 1974

Subject: He does not want any relaxation of the U.S. D. A. regulations concerning Newcastle regulations.

By direction of the President:

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*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
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Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

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To: President Ford

From: Three Different pieces of Correspondence. *Inv. of Montana* *NU 12-*  
*Sudd-BE Back-*

Date: *Tuesday Feb.*

Subject: All concerning the total animal agriculture problem.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
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Department of Agriculture

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To: President Ford  
From: Joseph D. Henry, Jr.  
Date: November 13, 1974  
Subject: He feels that there is enough energy available in plant wastes to supply the energy requirements of food production.

By direction of the President:

*Ans'd 12-13-74*

*Norman E. Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
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To: President Ford  
From: Jess J. Present  
Date: November 15, 1974  
Subject: Plight of the Dairy Farmer

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
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To: President Ford  
From: Dick Gregory  
Date: November 9, 1974  
Subject: He wants a firm commitment to come from the American Delegation at the Rome Conference to help the poor and needy people of the world.

By direction of the President:

*Norman Ross*  
Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council



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REFERRAL

To: Mr. William Erwin  
Administrator of Rural Development

Date: November 21, 1974

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To: President Ford  
 From: H. F. McCann, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Housing Authority  
 Date: October 31, 1974  
 Subject: He is concerned about grant and loan funds issued by the Farmers Home Administration.

By direction of the President:

*ansd 12/12/74*

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
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 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Clayton Yeutter  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs  
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Date: November 27, 1974

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To: President Ford  
 From: Peter G. Bolanis and Louis L. Ward, & Hal W. Brown, Jr.  
 Date: November 21, 1974 and November 21, 1974, November 20, 1974  
 Subject: Sugar problems.

By direction of the President:

*Norman Ross*  
 Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
 Assistant Director  
 Domestic Council



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 To: President Ford  
 From: Coleman Bloomfield  
 Date: November 15, 1974  
 Subject: the selling of wheat to Egypt.

By direction of the President:

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*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
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Assistant Director  
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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Donald E. Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Agriculture

Date: November 27, 1974

ACTION REQUESTED

- ~~XXXXX~~ Draft reply for:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ President's signature.
  - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Undersigned's signature.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Direct reply.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish information copy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
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- \_\_\_\_\_ For comment.

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REMARKS:

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Description:

~~XXXXX~~ Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: President Ford  
 From: Ernest Wilhelm *and 12-14-74*  
 Date: November 11, 1974  
 Subject: He wants higher price support and loans

By direction of the President:

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

December 10, 1974

Mr. Norman E. Ross, Jr.  
Assistant Director  
Domestic Council  
Room 218, OEOB  
The White House

Dear Mr. Ross:

Enclosed is a suggested reply to a letter from Mr. Ernest Wilhelm, Secretary-Treasurer, National Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen, Bosworth, Missouri, regarding his views on farm programs.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON YEUTTER  
Acting Secretary

Enclosure



SUGGESTED REPLY TO MR. ERNEST WILHELM, BOSWORTH,  
MISSOURI, CONCERNING HIS VIEWS ON FARM PROGRAMS

President Ford has asked me to reply to your letter of November 11 in which you give us the benefit of your views on farm programs.

We face a clear need to overcome the complex problem of inflationary pressure on our economy. One of the prime causes of this inflation is government spending. Each government program and its level of funding must be reviewed in light of the total need for government funds.

The conservation cost-sharing program has made a significant contribution since 1936 to the preservation of our soil and water resources. In the early years, direct program inputs of production stimulating materials, such as agricultural limestone, were needed. As economic conditions changed, however, adjustments in the program direction and funding level were needed to reflect the new conditions.

There is still an overriding concern that the Nation's soil and water resources be protected to assure an adequate base for food production. Therefore, the major focus of government cost-sharing of conservation practices should be on long-range conservation problem solutions. Large program dollar inputs for short-range production materials would not, in our opinion, be the most effective use of program dollars. With average farm income at high levels relative to the past, and with the necessity for more prudent use of taxpayer dollars, farmers should now be expected to meet the cost of production-stimulating materials from their own income.

President Ford pointed out in his recent speech before the United Nations that food and fuel are the two critical items for which the world faces a need in the years ahead. We not only need to get more of both, but also make sure that we have adequate and equitable distribution of each. This Nation's farm program philosophy was turned around institutionally in the Agricultural Act of 1973. We have now moved from high internal price supports to a system of market price orientation, from a policy of curtailing production to one of full output, from various devices for government control over production to freedom and flexibility for producers to make their own management decisions, and to being an aggressive competitor in world agricultural trade. We need to continue to improve on these accomplishments rather than return to the days of high price supports, government restrictions and controls, and heavy surpluses.

We believe that these programs can and will be operated in a manner that meets the best interest of all our citizens, and solicit your support on these important issues.



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To: Mr. Don Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary

Date: November 29, 1974

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: President Ford  
 From: Monsignor Eugene V. Clark Office of Communication Archdiocese of New York  
 Date: Novembaer 29, 1974  
 Subject: Secretary Butz's off the record comment concerning the Pope.

By direction of the President:

*Norman E. Ross, Jr.*  
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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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MR PRESIDENT WITH NO REASON TO DOUBT THE REPORT OF THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS AND REFLECTING THE SENTIMENTS OF CATHOLICS OF NY, AND THOSE OF MANY OF OUR FRIENDS, I CALL UPON SECRETARY EARL BUTZ TO APOLOGIZE IMMEDIATELY OR RESIGN FOLLOWING HIS CRUDE POINTIVE INSULT DIRECTED AT POPE PAUL VI SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE WORLD'S CATHOLIC. MOREOVER ITALO-AMERICAN WILL NOW KNOW HOW THEY ARE SPOKEN OF IN THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET. POPE PAUL WHOSE HONEST CONCERN FOR THE STARVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD IS UNIQUELY INFORMED, RELIABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA AND ASIA HAS NOW HAS HIS PLEAS FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO STARVING PEOPLE ANSWERED BY ETHNIC MOCKERY AND VULGAR RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE BY SECRETARY BUTZ ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IF MR BUTZ CAN SPEAK THIS WAY AND REMAIN IN YOUR CABINET, CATHOLICS, ITALO-AMERICANS AND THE STARVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL ALL KNOW HOW POORLY THEY ARE ESTEEMED BY YOUR CABINET.

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REFERRAL

To: Mr. Dan Brock  
Executive Assistant to the Secretary  
Dept. of Agriculture

Date: Nov. 29, 1974

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Description:

Letter:  Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Mr. & Mrs Gerrit Hoagland

Date: No date

Subject: Wants to know who is getting ~~big~~ big profit of beef, dairy & poultry -  
~~not~~ <sup>Certainly</sup> not the consumer

*ansd 11/7/75*

By direction of the President:

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