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To: The Secretary of Agriculture

Date: May 22, 1968

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- ☐ Draft reply for:
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Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

Ruth B. Desmond

To: The President
From: Mrs. Gordon B. Desmond, President, Federation of Homemakers, 927 North
Date: 5/19/68 Stuart St, Arlington, Virginia 22203
Subject: Urging Presidential support for The Federal Pesticide Control Act
(S. 2057 and H.R. 11846)

By direction of the President:

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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April 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Crompton:

President Johnson asked me to acknowledge your letter. He appreciates your interest in letting him have your views in support of the legislation you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. C. F. Crompton
20 Birchhill Drive
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

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March 6, 1968

Mr. Charles M. Maguire
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charles:

Thanks for your letter of March 5 transmitting the request from Harold Lewis at the Department of Agriculture for Council assistance on their pesticide safety information program.

The file is being forwarded to New York for necessary action so that the project can be included in the Council's May-June Radio-TV Bulletin, as requested.

Sincerely,

Manager, Washington Office

Eleanor L. Sullivan
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cc: Harold Rosenberg

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To: Office of the Secretary of Health,
Education, and Welfare

Date: February 23, 1968

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No acknowledgement has been made at the White House
and a meeting with the President cannot be arranged
in view of his heavy schedule.

Description:

☐ Letter: ~~copy of~~ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: P. Floyd Thomas, 1726 W. Queen St., Hampton, Va.
Date: 2/22/68
Subject: Req conference on March 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 on rat control program in
Newport News Va which would like to expand nationwide.

By direction of the President:

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WOULD LIKE A CONFERENCE WITH YOU ANY TIME MARCH 5TH 6TH 7TH
8TH OR 9TH AT YOUR SUGGESTION. SUBJECT RAT CONTROL TWELVE YEARS
WE HAVE HAD RAT CONTROL HERE IN HAMPTON, NEWPORT NEWS VIRGINIA.
PLAN TO EXPAND THE IDEA. WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT NATIONWIDE.
THE HONORABLE THOMAS M DOWNING, FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT,
VIRGINIA, HAS WORKED VERY CLOSE WITH US ON THIS AND OTHER PRO-

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JECTS AM SENDING HIM A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION. HE WILL
FOLLOW UP IDEA. WANT TO GET STARTED BEFORE SPRING IS OVER.
APPRECIATE THE HONOR

P FLOYD THOMAS (NEGRO) 1726 WEST QUEEN ST HAMPTON VIRGINIA.

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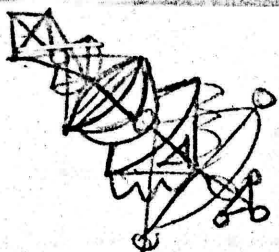
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RICHARD WILSON

House Republicans Stumble on Food-Aid Issue

Republicans in the House, after reversing themselves on a federal rat-control measure, slipped on the blinders again quite naturally and unaffectedly where hunger and malnutrition in the United States are concerned.

The House Agriculture Committee has set aside by a vote of 23-to-7 a bill supported by both Mississippi Democratic senators to study starvation and provide up to \$75 million for food and medical attention for the undernourished.

This measure resulted from disclosures that in Mississippi and elsewhere in numerous other states millions of children and adults were, for various reasons, not benefitted by food distribution and health programs initiated 35 years ago to carry out the common will that no one in such a rich country as this should go to bed hungry.

It must be said for the Mississippi Democratic Senators, John Stennis and James O. Eastland, that after at first bristling over disclosures that thousands of children are

slowly starving in their state, they recognized the condition and moved to do something about it.

Some Republicans have not been as quick to learn. Their experience with the rat control bill taught nothing. After laughing rat control out of the House, 42 moderate and urban Republicans found themselves so badly bitten that they reversed themselves and enabled the House to approve a \$40 million two-year plan for rat control in city slums.

A similar measure has been passed in the Senate and a difference must now be resolved on what agency will handle the rat-control program.

Moderate Republicans are now trying to rescue the Stennis legislation for food and medical aid for the forgotten and hungry children who have fallen through the slats of badly administered state and federal food-aid programs.

Speaking of reluctant members of his own party and Southern Democrats, Rep.

Albert Quie, R-Minn., said, "They may be able to get by not taking care of rats, but when you have starving Americans, that's one thing we cannot tolerate." Quie and other Republicans are trying to revive the program as an emergency aid measure in the poverty bill.

This controversy reveals again the fatal fault in the conventional Republican approach to human problems, which has not been corrected in 20 years of trying by the moderates and plays a large, and perhaps the controlling part, in freezing the GOP into its minority political position.

The fault grows out of the defensive attitude that this is a great and strong country and that those who find it wanting in some respects wish to cause trouble, upset the apple cart and perhaps even change the whole American system. They are thus to be resisted as dangerous radicals or careless tinkers who would aimlessly or willfully foul up the whole works.

What the conventional Republicans have failed to recognize fully and emphasize sufficiently is that a modern technocratic society benefits the vast majority but leaves pockets and fringes of human misery, maladjustment and deprivation which add up to an impressive total. Translated into human terms these pockets and fringes in their totality become an embarrassment of large proportions in a rich country, and to do nothing about them or accept them as the unavoidable fall-out of progress, gives those who do so a heartless countenance which is a heavy political debit.

The problem is no better illustrated than in the matter of unemployment. Unemployment for heads of families who wish work is actually now at the practical minimum in an economic set-up where movement from one job to another provides a fluid labor supply.

But, in addition, there are more than 2 million who cannot find work because they are not qualified or are not physically adapted or trained, including some hundreds of thousands who do not wish to work or do not have such rudimentary requirements as how to speak or write English intelligibly, or who have prison records unacceptable to employers.

Not to do anything about this merely sweeps under the rug a serious human problem, not to say that what is swept under the rug may be the seeds of a whirlwind.

To get back to the hungry and starving, these people are in the pockets and fringes of human misery of the abundant society. If the Republicans wish to improve their sour countenance they could well follow the lead of Quie.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Louis Martin

Deputy Chairman

Democratic National Committee

2600 Virginia Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

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To: The Secretary of Transportation

Date: September 26, 1967

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☒ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Gorman P. X Fischer, 1142 North Broad Street, Hillside, New Jersey 07205

Date: 9/22/67

Subject: Wire and letter urging delay action on "Great Swamp" in New Jersey -- forming
X committee for a referendum to allow people of New Jersey to express themselves.
Says swamp infested with bacteria at epidemic levels and rabid animals.

By direction of the President:

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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To: Director
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Date: September 26, 1967

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☐ Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: John D. ^XWendell, County Judge, Aransas County Texas.

Date: 9/25/67

Subject: Breeding ground for various pests in hurricane area.

By direction of the President:

Joseph

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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Dear Mrs. Taylor:

This is a follow-up to my letter of August 7 to you with respect to your letter of July 31.

I forwarded your letter to Commissioner Duncan. He has advised me that he has instructed the Director of the Department of Public Health to investigate the problem and take whatever steps possible to remedy it. He also asked the Director of the Department of Licenses and Inspections to move in the same way since Commissioner Duncan considered the possibility that there was a housing code violation involved.

I hope the matter is now corrected or on its way to immediate correction.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Pollak
Advisor for National
Capital Affairs

Mrs. Frances W. Taylor
12 Crittenden Street, NE.
Washington, D. C. 20011

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Dear Mr. Van Dyke:

I am just now having an opportunity to review the mail which arrived during my recent short vacation. I find your letter of August 11, 1967 informing me of the action which you took in response to my inquiry concerning the problems set forth by Mrs. Taylor in her letter of July 31. These look like the right actions and I am pleased that the District government is moving to meet what appears to be a really terrible situation. If you have any further information on the success of the efforts, I of course would be interested.

Thanks very much for your good words on the action of the Congress with respect to the Reorganization Plan. It was, of course, a team effort.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Pollak
Advisor for National
Capital Affairs

Mr. William S. Van Dyke
Special Assistant to Commissioner Duncan
District of Columbia Government
Washington, D. C. 20004



F. E. ROPSHAW
SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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August 11, 1967

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Advisor for National
Capital Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Pollak:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 7, 1967, in the Honorable John B. Duncan's office, during the Commissioner's absence.

In regard to your inquiry concerning the problems set forth by Mrs. Taylor in her letter of July 31, 1967 to Commissioner Duncan, we received her letter on August 2 and immediately instructed the Director of the Department of Public Health to investigate the problem and take whatever steps possible to remedy it. Subsequent to this action it occurred to us that since an apartment building was involved in the problem that there was the possibility of a housing code violation. Therefore, the Director of the Department of Licenses and Inspections was issued instructions identical to those given to the Director of the Department of Public Health. Both agencies will report to this office as to what their investigations revealed and the steps they have taken to remedy the problem.

We feel sure that between the two agencies that every possible course of action will be taken to resolve the problems in Mrs. Taylor's neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM S. VAN DYKE
Special Assistant to
Commissioner Duncan

P.S. Congratulations on your very successful efforts in guiding Plan No. 3 through the House.



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Taylor, Mrs. Frances
W.

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August 7, 1967

Dear Commissioner Duncan:

This letter is most disturbing. Can you advise me what the District is doing to meet this situation.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Pollak
Advisor for National
Capital Affairs

Commissioner John B. Duncan
District Building
14th and E Streets, NW.
Washington, D. C.

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August 7, 1967

Bruce:

Do you have any suggestions?

Stephen Pollak

August 7, 1967

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of August 1, 1967, and the enclosed copy of your letter of July 31 to Commissioner Duncan setting forth the problems posed by rats in the recreation areas immediately around your home. The conditions you describe are extremely disturbing.

I will do everything I can to help.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Pollak
Advisor for National
Capital Affairs

Mrs. Frances W. Taylor
12 Crittenden Street, NE.
Washington, D.C. 20001

12 Crittenden St. N.E.
Washington, D.C. (20011)
August 1, 1967

Mr. Steven Pallack
Assistant to the President
for District Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pallack,

Attached you will find a letter (copy)
that was mailed to Commissioner John B.
Duncan today, which explains my problem
as a resident of the District of Columbia.

I shall be very grateful for any
assistance you may be able to give as
a solution. I feel this to be very urgent
as it affects so many of us personally.

Sincerely
Francis W. Taylor

P.S. Please help us prevent our
neighborhood from becoming a slum
area.

12 Crittenden St. N.E.
(20011)
Washington, D.C.
July 31, 1967

Commissioner John B. Duncan
District Building
14th E St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner Duncan,

The city of Washington has now been invaded by Rats, so I'm told, by the Division in the District Government, to which I've been referred on many occasions by phone. It appears to me that in many cases where the cause is known that it would be easy to eliminate these pests in a particular area.

I wish to trouble you with my problem, as it is becoming increasingly worse, and more serious. I live at #12 Crittenden St. N.E. and have resided and paid taxes from this address for over 10 years. This area had not been invaded by Rats until an apartment building was built approximately 3 years ago. The units are located facing Fort Totten Drive, 1/2 block from the corner of Crittenden St and Fort Totten Drive N.E. The apartment building has outside containers for trash and garbage, which is not

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secured properly and this creates an environment that breeds Rats. The properties nearer Fort Totten Drive on Crittenden St (with the rear facing the back of the apartment building) have holes in the lawns where the Rats are going underground and is creating a deplorable condition, and it is now spreading over the entire block. I have bought Rat Poison and use it constantly, and so do many of the neighbors, but you can't fight an army of Rats, when the cause continues to exist. This neighborhood was never infested with Rats until this apartment building was erected and those outside (uncovered) receptacles installed.

I have a 4½ year old child and I'm afraid for her to play on her own lawn and enjoy the play equipment we have for her enjoyment. On July 31, as I looked out my back door I counted (7) seven Rats going to and fro across my lawn at 6:30 PM, and on July 29 at 9:00 AM, about 3 in my flower garden, which I'm afraid to go near, and this is one of the pleasures of your home in the Summer, to be able to enjoy your yard area.

Last summer ('66), I finally got a Representative from the Health Dept. to come out regarding this matter, the Baby Sitter then in my employ was told that at this end of the

black, "The Rats like to come down and enjoy the pretty flowers, there is no reason for you to be bothered, I see no cause for Rats."

This problem is getting out of control in a neighborhood where citizens are trying to maintain a decent place to live. I would be more than grateful for any assistance, as it is getting more deplorable by the week.

I invite you to send a Representative in this area to confirm the statements mentioned.

I have only one child and I live in fear for her safety within our own property, and I am also afraid, to me it seems terrible that we as citizens and taxpayers cannot enjoy our homes completely when we work so hard to maintain a decent home to bring up our child, and she is deprived of her own back yard.

I pray that somewhere in your busy schedule you may have some time for this problem that concerns many of my neighbors as well as me.

If in any way I may be of service, I am willing to take leave from my job to do so.

Listed here are neighbors whose permission I have — that are also willing to cooperate or establish these facts. Mr + Mrs. Eugene Williams, 44 Crittenden St. N.E. Mr + Mrs. Roger Hallman 14 Crittenden St. N.E.

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I shall be grateful for any immediate action
that may relieve this situation.

Sincerely,

Frances B. Taylor

(Mrs + Mrs Roscoe Taylor)

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August 17, 1967

Dear Mrs. Clinkscales:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your telegram.

He appreciates your giving him your comments, which have received careful attention.

With the President's gratitude for your prayers, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Anna J. Clinkscales
4139 Mountwood Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

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August 16, 1967

Dear Mr. Truman:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter. He appreciates very much your support of his program to exterminate rats.

It was generous of you to want to contribute toward this effort but since this office does not handle contributions we are returning your money.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John^X Truman
61 East Wheelock Street
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

Enclosure: \$5.00 check No. 1112 - ret'd. ✓

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Lyndon Baines Johnson July 28 1967
White House
Washington D. C.

H Mr. President

I am sending you this five dollars
to help fight the rats in the slum
areas of the cities of this country. I
hope that this will make a good
start on what you asked for from
Congress. Since the members of the
House of Representatives think it is a
big joke that some of the people
have to live in slums infested
with rats, I think it is about time
that something is done to help them
get rid of these pests. I think that
the house members who think it is
a big joke, should sleep with the
rats for a week or two and earn
the wages that the persons living
in the slums earns and see
what it is like to live that
way. I hope you ~~can~~ get the

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20,000,000 dollars one way or another
to fight the rates in the slums.

Sincerely yours
John Truman
61 East Wheelock St
Hanover, N. H.

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To: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Date: August 8, 1967

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To: The President
From: James E. Jones, Member, Los Angeles City Board of Education, California
Date: July 26, 1967
Subject: Encloses article on rat-control legislation which he wrote.

By direction of the President

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.

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August 15, 1967

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Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 14 to the President requesting information about the number of children injured by rats.

Your letter is receiving attention and you may expect a further reply shortly.

Sincerely,

Barefoot Sanders
Legislative Counsel
to the President

Honorable H. R^x Gross
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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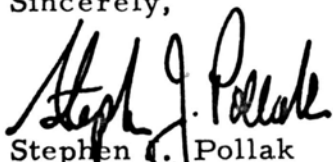
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WASHINGTON

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Advisor for National
Capital Affairs

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Mrs. Frances W. Taylor
12 Crittenden Street, NE.
Washington, D.C. 20001

12 Crittenden St. N.E.

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secured properly and this creates an environment that breeds Rats. The properties nearer Fort Totten Drive on Crittenden St (with the rear facing the back of the apartment building) have holes in the lawns where the Rats are going underground and is creating a deplorable condition, and it is now spreading over the entire block. I have bought Rat Poison and use it constantly, and so do many of the neighbors, but you can't fight an Army of Rats, when the cause continues to exist. This neighborhood was never infested with Rats until this apartment building was erected and those outside (uncovered) receptacles installed.

I have a 4½ year old child and I'm afraid for her to play on her own lawn and enjoy the play equipment we have for her enjoyment. On July 31, as I looked out my back door I counted (7) seven Rats going to and fro across my lawn at 6:30 P.M., and on July 29 at 9:00 A.M. about 3 in my flower garden, which I'm afraid to go near, and this is one of the pleasures of your home in the Summer, to be able to enjoy your yard area.

Last summer ('66), I finally got a Representative from the Health Dept. to come out regarding this matter, the Baby Sitter then in my employ, was told that at this end of the

black, "The rats like to come down and enjoy the pretty flowers, there is no reason for you to be bothered, I see no cause for Rats."

This problem is getting out of control in a neighborhood where citizens are trying to maintain a decent place to live. I would be more than grateful for any assistance, as it is getting more deplorable by the week.

I invite you to send a Representative in this area to confirm the statements mentioned.

I have only one child and I live in fear for her safety within our own property, and I am also afraid, to me it seems terrible that we as citizens and taxpayers cannot enjoy our homes completely when we work so hard to maintain a decent home to bring up our child, and she is deprived of her own back yard.

I pray that somewhere in your busy schedule you may have some time for this problem that concerns many of my neighbors as well as me.

If in any way I may be of service, I'm willing to take leave from my job to do so.

Listed here are neighbors whose permission I have — that are also willing to cooperate or establish these facts. Mr + Mrs. Eugene Williams, 44 Crittenden St. N.E. Mr + Mrs. Roper Heilman 14 Crittenden St. N.E.

I shall be grateful for any immediate action
that may relieve this situation.

Sincerely,

Frances B. Taylor

(Mrs + Mrs Roscoe Taylor)

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August 4, 1967

Dear Miss Smith:

President Johnson asked me to acknowledge your telegram. He appreciates your interest in letting him have your views in support of the legislation you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Marjery Smith
715 14th Avenue
San Francisco, California

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July 28, 1967

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was good of you to give him the benefit of your comments and to let him know of your confidence and support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Francis Bosworth
Executive Director
Friends Neighborhood Guild
703 North Eighth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123

JR:cws

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To: Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Date: July 27, 1967

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☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.

☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

☒ Direct reply.
☒ Furnish information copy.

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☐ For comment.

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Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:
To: The President
From: J.G.G. Frost, Mayor of Sandusky, Ohio
Date: July 27, 1967
Subject: Suggests easy and inexpensive method to eliminate rats,

By direction of the President:

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Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Deputy Special Counsel
to the President

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July 25, 1967

Dear Senator Muskie:

I have your letter of July 18 requesting information on the relationship of the Federal Committee on Pest Control to the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council study on pesticides.

The proposed comprehensive study sponsored by an FCPC Member Department will be a review of the status of pest control and pesticide usage by a non-governmental organization. As such, it will be of real value to FCPC in discharging its continuing coordinating responsibility in this area.

Study emphasis will be placed on the occurrence and significance of pesticide residues in the environment, the potential for utilizing less persistent chemicals and on registration procedures. Recommendations and assessments resulting from review will serve as a useful reference for FCPC in developing its programs.

Sincerely,

Ivan L. Bennett, Jr.
Deputy Director

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Chairman, Subcommittee on
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July 25, 1967

Dear Mr. Posnansky:

Although I am sure you have read of President Johnson's reaction to the House vote, I thought you would like to see his statement on the Rat Extermination Act. I am happy to enclose a copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Samuel Posnansky
56 Martense Street
Brooklyn, New York

Enclosure: 7/20/67 statement on rat control and extermination.

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July 22, 1967

Mr. John J. Gunther
Executive Director
United States Conference of Mayors
1707 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear John:

Many thanks for your help on the Rat Control Bill.

I regret very much not having a chance to sit down with Mayor Barr when he was in Washington. I would very much like to see him the next time he is down here and would appreciate it if you would let me know when he is coming and what time would be convenient for us to get together.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 14, 1967

Dear Senator Muskie:

Thank you for your letter of July 11 with the accompanying copy of your correspondence with Senator Hill concerning H. R. 10196.

Your interest in and support of the activities of the Federal Committee on Pest Control is timely and appropriate in view of the increasing need for coordination of Federal research and information exchange on pesticides.

Sincerely,

S/D. L. B. Jr.

Ivan L. Bennett, Jr.
Deputy Director

Honorable Edmund S. ^{*}Muskie
United States Senate
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cc: Jean Lewis, W.H. ✓

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June 19, 1967

Dear Senator^x Muskie; *Edmund S.*

In reply to your letter of May 31, 1967 regarding an expansion of the functions of the Federal Committee on Pest Control, it is our opinion that additional funding rather than authority would be appropriate. The Committee has just revised its charter reiterating its advisory role. This seems an appropriate position in view of the magnitude and technical diversity of the programs of the various agencies involved as well as their legislative authorities.

After conferring with the Committee Secretariat, we have determined that this can best be accomplished by additional funding (1) to restore two Committee staff positions budgeted at \$37,000 which were included in the Pesticide Program of the National Communicable Disease Center of the Public Health Service but were removed from that budget by House action this year, and (2) to provide for an addition to the Committee staff of one professional and one clerical assistant, at a cost of approximately \$30,000 annually.

Restoration of the two established positions, would permit the completion of a number of Committee studies currently underway. The new positions would provide professional staff services for additional needed programs. Examples of the latter include two areas about which you expressed concern (1) developing guidelines for large scale pest control programs, and (2) gathering and distributing information on the effects of compounds, such as DDT, on man and his environment. The Committee, through a series of subcommittees, is working on a number of useful projects but must rely on diverting agency personnel from the normal assignments to collect and interpret data obtained.

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Senator Muskie

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A large staff expansion appears unwarranted, but a modest addition would multiply the productivity of the Committee. The FCPC has a very useful advisory role to perform in planning, coordinating, and evaluating our national pest control program.

We share a common interest in its success.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Ivan L. Bennett, Jr.
Deputy Director

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Chairman, Subcommittee on
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United States Senate
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May 31, 1967

Dr. Iven L. Bennett, Jr.
Deputy Director
Office of Science and Technology
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20506

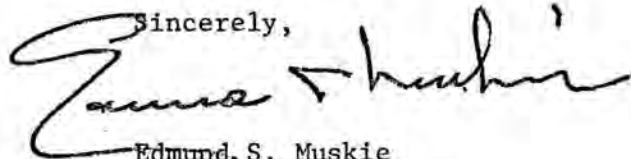
Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 1967, concerning the functions of the Federal Committee on Pest Control.

Would the FCPC require additional authority to expand its research and evaluation program, or would it be able to perform such functions with added funds? I believe such an expansion of its functions is urgently needed.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation?

Sincerely,



Edmund S. Muskie
United States Senator

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May 8, 1967

Dear Senator Muskie, *Edmund S.*

We have carefully considered the comments on the functions of the Federal Committee on Pest Control in your letter to Dr. Hornig.

There is, as you know, a substantial amount of research being performed on pesticides not only from the standpoint of their effectiveness, but also on the environmental consequences of their application. The information resulting is pulled together quite well by the National Agricultural Library in the Department of Agriculture which maintains a Pesticide Information Center that abstracts 30,000 pesticide-related articles annually. The Library staff is currently going back to 1962 to pick up basic papers that were published previous to the initiation of the system. They publish the Pesticide Documentation Bulletin, a title abstract of current literature by subject. They can manually search for the biological effects of DDT, for example, now, but will have computer capability by September.

Their method of operation in seeking replies to a question related to pesticides would be to search abstracts in the area of concern and set off those articles which have a direct bearing on the question. They are not, however, prepared to assess or interpret the significance of their findings and no other agency currently has responsibility for this specific function. The Federal Committee on Pest Control would be a logical organization to perform this service, although additional staff would almost certainly be required to fulfill this responsibility.

There are a number of regional cooperative projects on pesticides which specifically afford an opportunity for scientists to plan future programs and report research results. There are, in addition, numerous seminars, meetings and publications concerned with pesticide problems. However, there is need, as you mention, for better overall coordination of current research as well as monitoring and information programs to see that certain areas are not being neglected, to determine whether or not the right objectives are receiving the proper emphasis, and to inform scientists of the status of progress in their individual areas of interest.

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There are several thousand Federal pesticide-related research projects both in-house and on contract or grant. Approval of these projects is the statutory responsibility of each funding agency. The FCPC currently is attempting to evaluate research programs to see what large areas are being missed, and whether emphasis is properly placed. This is a useful function though a difficult one with their small staff. There are currently two men from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare who comprise the Committee Secretariat. They are obliged to depend on research sub-committee members who are assigned from the agencies and who have other substantial responsibilities.

From the foregoing discussion, it is apparent that a new, intensive evaluation of the larger problems of pesticide usage would be advantageous. FCPC, in addition to its present duties could perform the activities mentioned above as an advisory body. Real benefits would accrue from an expansion of their staff to perform these services.

Your letter mentioned the specific PSAC recommendations on the use of chemicals of high specificity and rapid degradability. These materials are recommended and used in large-scale programs whenever possible. There are instances, however, in which effective compounds of this type are not yet available, as in the spruce budworm program. Consequently, a judgement must be made of the balance of risk and benefit inherent in programs involving persistent materials, such as DDT. There is increasing evidence, obtained through very comprehensive studies of the environmental effects of large scale programs, that the benefits from judicious use of these pesticides far outweigh the dangers. New materials are of course, constantly being evaluated as desirable replacements for persistent materials. One of the reasons why greater progress has not been made on the particular recommendation you mentioned is the economic problem involved in the development of selective pesticides. Their use is necessarily restricted by their selectivity and the enormous amount of information which must be obtained prior to registration, plus the prospect of limited sales, discourages large scale industrial investment. In addition, rapid degradability necessitates frequent application, further increasing pest control costs. Nevertheless, research is being performed by Federal agencies, state experiment stations and industry to overcome these difficulties by various means, for example, through encapsulation and slow release of non-persistent materials over a protracted period of time, and by more careful scheduling of applications.

Senator Muskie

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May 8, 1967

Other approaches to pest control also are being sought. Progress is being made, but considerable periods of time will be required to obtain the background information needed to develop non-pesticidal controls.

Sincerely,

Ivan L. Bennett, Jr.
Deputy Director

Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Intergovernmental Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

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April 26 1967

Honorable Mike Manatos,
Administrative Assistant
to the President
The White House

Dear Mr. Manatos:

Attached is a draft reply to a letter of April 13,
1967, from Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, Re:
The testing of a possible vaccine against Anaplasmosis
which has been developed at the University of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TH", is located below the closing "Sincerely yours,".

Thomas R. Hughes
Executive Assistant to the Secretary

Enclosure
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already sent to Sen. Dirksen by
Dept. of Agriculture in earlier letter
dated April 20.

Jean Lewis

Draft reply to letter of April 13, 1967 from Senator Everett Dirksen regarding the testing of a possible vaccine against Anaplasmosis which has been developed at the University of Illinois:

This is in response to your inquiry of April 13 relative to an attenuated Anaplasmosis Vaccine being developed jointly by the University of Illinois and Diamond Laboratories, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa.

We believe that a reasonable arrangement has been worked out whereby Diamond Laboratories are to undertake critical investigations to evaluate the safety of the vaccine. The licensing decision will be based upon an evaluation of the data derived from these investigations.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

April 20, 1967

Honorable Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senate

Dear Senator:

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If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Senator:

Let me acknowledge your letter of April 13 to the President concerning the testing of a possible vaccine against anaplasmosis which has been developed at the^x University of Illinois.

I am checking with the Department of Agriculture, and hope to have further information for you shortly.

Sincerely,

Mike
Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Honorable Everett McKinley^x Dirksen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

1 *Mr. Miodrag^x Ristic*

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To: Mr. Sydney A. Skoglund
Office of the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

Date: April 19, 1967

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Description:

XX Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The President
From: Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen
Date: April 13, 1967
Subject: The testing of a possible vaccine against anaplasmosis which has been developed at the University of Illinois.

By direction of the President:

Mike Manatos

Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

(Copy to remain with correspondence)



United States Senate

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April 13, 1967

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

One of the professors at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, a Czechoslovakian refugee by the name of Dr. Miodrag Ristic, has isolated an attenuated strain of the dread anaplasmosis disease which, as a good Texan, you know causes great damage to cattle herds in the southern and western parts of the United States.

The University has made arrangements with the Diamond Laboratories, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa to test and, hopefully, to produce the vaccine. Their problem is that at the moment the Department of Agriculture has taken the position that because this is a live vaccine no field tests will be allowed until the product has been proven "safe." The "safety" cannot be established without tests in the field. At the moment they seem to be at an impasse.

I call this matter to your attention not only because of your interest in eradicating cattle diseases, but also because this particular development represents an important example of a cooperative program between a great University and private industry. Perhaps an expression of interest by you might help resolve the present impasse.

Parenthetically, I should say that a plant has already been built in Mexico to produce this vaccine with the cooperation of the Mexican government, which is most encouraged about its prospects. Several other Latin American countries are vitally interested in this development.

Sincerely,

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Everett McKinley Dirksen

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Reply Sig. Sec'y's OFF.

April 13, 1967

The Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

My attention has been called by officials of the University of Illinois to a project they have underway in conjunction with Diamond Laboratories, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa concerning an attenuated anaplasmosis vaccine.

As I understand the situation, a professor at the University, Dr. Miodrag Ristic, was successful in isolating an anaplasmosis strain which in limited tests has proven to be quite effective in immunizing cattle from this most troublesome disease. I have been told that a petition by the Diamond Laboratories for limited field testing of this vaccine was rejected by the Agricultural Research Service on the grounds that insufficient data had been presented to them concerning the safety of the vaccine. I have been further informed that additional meetings between Diamond Laboratories and the Agricultural Research Service are underway, and that Diamond Laboratories are now proposing additional critical studies under the direction of a series of University investigations in various parts of the country.

Needless to say, I fully recognize the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture to make certain that even field testing of a live vaccine does not result in further spreading this dread disease. However, on the basis of the facts presented to me, it would seem that some method should be established whereby sufficient data can be obtained to make it possible for an intelligent decision to be made as to whether the vaccine eventually should be licensed for use in the United States.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this situation and advise me as to whether you believe a reasonable arrangement can be worked out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Everett M. Dirksen".

Everett McKinley Dirksen

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April 11, 1967

Mr. Donald Hornig
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Don:

I have recently become involved in a project in Maine in which it is planned to broadcast DDT over a 100,000 acre area in an effort to eradicate a spruce budworm infestation. My involvement stems from a letter from Governor Kenneth Curtis, asking that I provide him with information on the biological effects of DDT on man and his environment.

This letter to you is a direct result of this involvement. I will begin by saying that in searching for information, I was appalled at the lack of a centralized facility where up-to-date data about the biological effects of pesticides could be obtained. Secondly, I found that there is a great deal of research being carried out in different places by different people, with little or no coordination or exchange of findings.

I don't profess to know the reason for this problem. It might stem from the fact that four Federal agencies have a somewhat different interest in pesticides. Each is conducting pesticide research; each is publishing results of findings. In addition, much work is being carried out by chemical companies, as well as by scientists in other nations. No agency, however, has the total responsibility for bringing together all of the information, or coordinating all research, if only at the Federal level, and being cognizant of other research in the pesticide and insecticide fields.

The November, 1965 Report of the Environmental Pollution Panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee entitled "Restoring the Quality of Our Environment," contained this recommendation:

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"We recommend that the Federal Government expand substantially its inhouse and sponsored research in the following broad areas...F7. On research than may contribute to the development of new pesticides, that have high specificity and rapid degradability. Damage to non-target organisms and hazard to humans could be minimized or eliminated by use of chemicals with greater specificity, perhaps approached through different mechanisms of toxicity. The use of pesticides which are more rapidly converted into innocuous products, those currently employed for many purposes, will avoid or minimize environmental contamination."

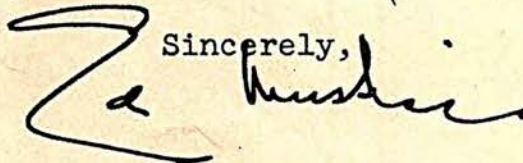
To carry out the recommendation of the Advisory Committee will, in my judgment, first require the assignment of the overall responsibility for pesticides in one place. It would appear to me that an organization such as the Federal Committee on Pest Control would be the natural place for this assignment. I suggest that the FCPC be expanded to include a technical staff and library, that the professional members of this committee be given the responsibility for setting Federal policy on the use of pesticides, and approving all pesticide research projects in the Federal Government. They might also serve as the referees in disputes on the biological effects of pesticides.

I realize that what I suggest costs money, but I should like to point out that the Federal Government has already contributed over one quarter of a million dollars to finance six spruce budworm spray operations in the State of Maine since 1954. I do not know what the total Federal contribution has been to all states to eradicate this one pest with DDT, but I can imagine that enough Federal money has been spent on DDT in the past few years to pay many times over the cost of the necessary research to eliminate the use of chlorinated hydrocarbons in our effort to control pests.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Muskie", written over the word "Sincerely,".

EDMUND S. MUSKIE, U.S.S.
Chairman

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To: The Secretary of Health, Education,
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Date: February 3, 1967

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☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram; Other:

To: The President
From: Richard Nemeti, Chairman, Greater Minoa Junior Chamber of Commerce, /n.y.
Date: 1/28/67 North Main Street, Minoa, New York
Subject: Requests available information for mosquito control.

By direction of the President:

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

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North Main Street
Minoa, New York

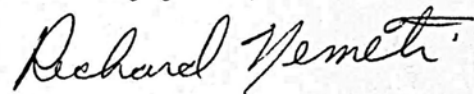
Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I represent the Greater Minoa Junior Chamber of Commerce. We are "attempting" to work out an effective plan for mosquito control in our small village, but so far to no avail. I have written to many state and federal officials and have received only a polite "run-around" with "passing of the buck." Is this our only plight? Am I bucking against a stonewall? Is our "great society" only interested in votes and not helping the peoples of towns such as Minoa?

Sir, if at all possible, please send me any available information to help our small town in its fight against mosquitos.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Nemeti, Chairman

Greater Minoa Junior
Chamber of Commerce

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June 28, 1966

Dear Mr. Moore:

We are most appreciative of your letter of June twenty-seventh concerning the center which you describe.

We hope very much that your little daughter is improving and that this will continue to be true. This is a saddening and most unfortunate incident.

Best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Marvin

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Preston Moore, Jr.
Vice President

x Wilson Stationery & Printing Company
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March 12, 1966

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Please permit me on behalf of President Johnson to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 4 and the suggestion that the trapping methods you have found successful be used to control Washington starlings.

I am transmitting your suggestion to the National Capital Park Service, which is primarily responsible for matters such as this in the Nation's capital.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Horsky
Advisor for
National Capital Affairs

Mr. Carl Christopher^x
Carl Christopher Orchards
on Lake Chelan
Chelan, Washington

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CARL CHRISTOPHER ORCHARDS
ON LAKE CHELAN
CHELAN, WASHINGTON

MARCH 4, 1966

MR. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D. C.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ON A RECENT CBS NEWS TELECAST, I VIEWED A REPORT ON THE RETURN OF THE
STARLING PROBLEM TO WASHINGTON D. C. AND THE APPARENT LACK OF RESULTS
IN IRRADIATION OF THEM. MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THE USE OF THE
TRAPPING METHOD THAT IS OUTLINED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE
BULLETIN ON THE CONTROL OF STARLINGS.

THE FRUIT GROWING AREA OF OUR STATE HAS HAD EXCELLENT RESULTS IN THE CONTROL
OF STARLINGS BY FOLLOWING THE SUGGESTIONS AND THE USE OF THE TRAP DESIGNED
BY THE U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCY. I HEARTILY RECOMMEND IT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,



CARL CHRISTOPHER ORCHARDS, INC.
J. K. CHRISTOPHER, SECY.

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February 18, 1966

AIR MAIL

Dr. Robert F. Costello
1726 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 2006

Dear Dr. Costello:

Your letter of February 8, 1966, to Mr. John Valenti,
has been referred to us for reply.

First, may I congratulate you for preparing a letter with
such sound recommendations for rat control. Obviously,
you are quite well informed on the necessary techniques
to effectively eradicate rodents.

I am pleased to be able to report to you that several months
ago the Communicable Disease Center, under contract with the
Office of Economic Opportunity, prepared a plan, "Operation
Rat," which incorporated most of the proposals you have made.
This plan was submitted to the OEO on March 26, 1965.

It is entirely possible that you may wish to obtain more
specific information from the OEO regarding the present
status of their activities under the proposed plan. We
do have some information concerning their activities, but
it is not current nor complete. These programs are being
operated by health departments with OEO financing.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and excellent
recommendations. I am sure that the OEO will be happy to
provide current and complete information on their project.

Sincerely yours,



David J. Sencer, M. D.
Assistant Surgeon General
Chief, Communicable Disease Center

cc:
Office of Economic Opportunity
✓ Mr. Valenti

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Referred for direct reply.

Jack Valenti

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Letter re extermination of rats. from Robert F. Costello 1726 Eye St. N.W.
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Dear Mr Valenti:

I know that the President is a busy and dedicated man, but the war on Poverty could be accelerated by the action of Public Health Service in the extermination of rats which are not only a menace to society but a carrier of disease.

Shopin Warbamide is a relatively new poison that is lethal only to rats. This is important because accidental poisoning of wild and domestic animals and birds is the major objection to the use of rodenticides.

Almost every Food & Drug Administration report on enforcement and compliance tells of seizing dozens of

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of food items contaminated by rodents, still nothing is done about the same.

Why not look at this as a federal obligation to the people? Why not form an extermination unit which would employ hundreds of people. Beef trucks & equipment and heavy duty garbage cans etc.

This project must be continued indefinitely to be successful. This unit between lulls of poisoning, rat proofing and sanitary disposal of garbage, could clean the streets of the poor and also be used for snow removal.

After the places are rat proofed extra dirty garbage cans installed then jump on the slum lords to do his job such as plastering etc

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Firm action by the Government
in this direction will give the poor
a feeling that the Government is
not only talking but is taking
action in their behalf.

Sincerely Yours
Robert F. Castello MD
1726 Eye St. NW
Wash 2006 DC.