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and in no way would affect the use of cranberries by the American public.

This ill-advised publicity against the cranberry industry of the State of New Jersey by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Flemming could possibly hurt the cranberry industry for many years.

We believe it necessary that you make an important decision and aid in having Secretary Flemming removed from this important post. In our opinion, and we believe we reflect the minds of all the cranberry growers, Secretary Flemming has made a bad decision and is incompetent to handle his job. We request that you act on this matter for us in order to help the cranberry industry of the State of New Jersey. We anticipate your early action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The recent adverse publicity that was directed against the cranberry industry by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Flemming has seriously affected the small cranberry grower in the State of New Jersey.

The cranberry grower in the State of New Jersey is small business and I am numbered among the growers. For many years it has taken a lot of hard work and expense to develop my bogs to a point where they are just about producing berries for marketing.

As I see it, the publicity directed against us in the cranberry industry by demagogue Flemming is of such magnitude that the cranberry grower in the State of New Jersey will undoubtedly be hurt for many years.

The statement that was made by Flemming to the effect that no further sales of cranberries will be permitted until supposedly contaminated cranberries are inspected is a very dangerous procedure when actually the apparent complaint is lodged against cranberry growers in the Oregon-Washington region only.

Sufficient evidence has been presented by the cranberry growers of the State of New Jersey that their cranberry crops are entirely free of any chemicals that could contaminate them as contended by Secretary Flemming.

I have been in consultation with a number of highly respected chemists and they assured me that the type of materials that we use as weed killers and other disinfectants on our crops is entirely harmless,