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*given to Mr. Haynes B. Road*

My dear Senator:

I think that events have just about passed by in connection with your letter of June 30, in view of the present legislative situation of S. 2267 and H. R. 6054. As you of course well know this legislative matter is on the verge of completion by the Congress.

As you well know also, the Secretary of Agriculture has been directed to use every existing legal authority to relieve the distress in the Southwest drought area, and after Secretary Benson's recent trip through Oklahoma and Texas eight million dollars were allocated from the President's emergency fund for temporary and immediate assistance to the distressed stockmen and farmers of the Southwest. Moreover, the staffs of the Agriculture Department and the Bureau of the Budget then completed a draft measure to provide credit assistance in areas of economic disaster, supplementing existing authorities to provide credit in national disaster areas; special livestock loans; and emergency assistance in the form of feed or seed at reasonable prices. It is this legislative proposal that is now at the point of completion.

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Incidentally I am confident of your agreement that S. 2267 possessed certain advantages over S. 2233 in providing permanent authority for assistance in a number of situations of economic distress which may result from causes other than drought. Also S. 2267 has certain merits in clarifying details concerning procedures in Presidential declaration of distressed areas, methods of financing; and minor administrative aspects.

I can, of course, well appreciate your deep interest in this serious problem and hope this information meets the purpose of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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