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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
The President
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Dear Mr. President:

As one who has the honor of representing in the United States Congress a district which is largely dependent upon the prosperity of agriculture for its continued economic stability, I take the liberty of addressing you this letter which, in my judgment, the conditions justify.

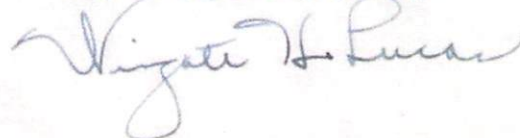
It is my view that you should call a special session of Congress in the immediate future for the purpose of initiating prompt and proper action to relieve the distressing situation which is of such serious consequence to the farmers and ranchmen of this country and which, unless remedied, may lead this country into the throes of another economic depression.

Furthermore, recognizing that soil and water are our chief natural resources, the recent actions of the Secretary of Agriculture are alarming those whose primary interest is the preservation of these precious resources. It is my firm judgment that the Administration should provide the Congress, in prompt special session, with a positive program that will assure the continuation of the services which are so vital as safeguards of the farmers and ranchmen now so seriously threatened.

You know that I am desirous of cooperating to the greatest extent toward relieving the situation which, in my judgment, approaches disaster for those upon whom we so largely depend in the livestock and agriculture industries.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,



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