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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB AUGUSTA GA

DEAR MR PRESIDENT WHILE YOU ARE GOLFING IN AUGUSTA AFTER THE NINTH HOLE OF YOUR GAME WE HOPE YOU WILL PAUSE TO GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE AMERICAN FAMILY FARMER. WE MUST HAVE MORE MONEY IN OUR POCKETS. THE BILL PASSED TODAY BY CONGRESS WILL MEAN MORE MONEY FOR US-A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR EACH FAMILY. WE HOPE YOU WILL SIGN THE NEW FARM BILL. BECAUSE WE THINK THIS IS A GOOD BILL WE WANT YOU TO SIGN IT AND THEN PICK UP THAT LITTLE WHITE TELEPHONE ON YOUR DESK AND CALL EZRA BENSON AND TELL HIM QUOTE WZAR YOU ARE THROUGH, I'VE

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JUST ACCEPTED YOUR RESIGNATION THAT HAS BEEN IN MY DESK EVER SINCE YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED. THE FARM BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS WILL ADD NEARLY THREE BILLION DOLLARS TO FARM INCOME IN 1956 IF YOU SIGN IT AND HAVE IT ADMINISTERED THE WAY IT OUGHT TO BE. NINETY PERCENT OF PARITY THE DAIRY PRICE SUPPORT PROVISIONS AND SUPPORTS FOR FEED GRAINS WILL MEAN AN EXTRA TWO BILLION DOLLARS FOR FARMERS THIS YEAR. DUAL PARITY WILL BE HALF A BILLION MORE AND THE REFUSAL OF CONGRESS TO LET BENSON UNLOAD CCC STOCKS AT MARKET PRICE WILL MEAN MORE THAN HALF A BILLION IN ADDITION. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO SIGN THE FARM INCOME IMPROVEMENT BILL SO OVERWHELMINGLY ADOPTED TODAY BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE US CONGRESS AND SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL FARMERS UNION. BECAUSE HE HAS SO BITTERLY OPPOSED THIS LEGISLATION I ALSO RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT YOU

REPLACE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BENSON WITH SOME ONE WHO CAN ADMINISTER THE NEW LAW SYMPATHETICALLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY. SINCERELY

JAMES G PATTON PRESIDENT NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

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