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October 25, 1973

Honorable John Love
Director, Energy Policy Office
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Governor Love:

Farmers in Mississippi and other states are facing a potentially disastrous situation as we enter the most critical period of the harvest season.

Gasoline and diesel fuel allocations for November, 1973, are based on the total amount utilized during the same month in 1972. As the current needs are projected, this regulation will prove totally inadequate and would severely cripple our ability to complete the harvest.

The reason for this is simple: last November, heavy rains kept our farmers out of the fields and the consumption of fuel for the harvest was at a near all-time low. Allocations based on this period are totally unrealistic for the 1973 harvest.

Let me cite only one example: Demco Oil Company of Shelby, Mississippi, a Texaco dealer in the Delta region of my state, utilized only 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel during November, 1972, because of the extremely bad weather. This year they have already received orders from customers for 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel in November -- more than 20 times their entitlement under present regulations.

This situation is totally unrealistic. The harvest operation in Mississippi and other agricultural states will grind to a halt unless immediate steps are taken to provide farmers with essential fuels to operate.

I respectfully appeal to you in the strongest and most urgent terms to move without delay to assign the highest priority to fuels for agricultural purposes and allow the harvest to proceed unimpeded. I firmly believe this action would be in the best interest of the entire nation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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