

February 28, 1977

Honorable George McGovern
Senator from South Dakota
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McGovern:

Your Select Committee on Human Nutrition report released in January, 1977 was thoughtful, courageous and forward-looking. To those of us who have been, in part, responsible for collecting data leading to the conclusions that your committee reached, and who share scientific and public health responsibility for implementing your recommendations, it would be useful to have a statement on the "Environmental Impact" if those recommendations were implemented.

If your full report contains such an estimate of the impact on the agro-economy of an evolution toward this dietary pattern, it would be most useful for me to see this promptly. If not, I need to be put in touch with those consultants to your committee who might be prepared to make such estimates.

Cordially,

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Professor of Medicine

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