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The President,

The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

Recently at a Cabinet meeting you asked me for a chart showing the present production and international flow of cotton. Attached are two charts, one showing production and exports averaged for 1934-35 to 1938-39, and the other showing our rough estimates of the probable movement of cotton during the current marketing year which began August 1940. I should point out that we have very meager information on actual cotton trade in this current marketing year. For those countries still reporting trade figures we have only the figures for the first two or three months of the marketing year, and for other countries such as India we have no official information because foreign trade statistics are no longer made available.

I am also sending the tabulations of the data on which the charts have been constructed.

Respectfully,

Claude R. Wickard
Secretary.

Enclosures.

COTTON: Production and exports of domestic cotton
average 1934-35 to 1938-39 and estimated 1940-41

(bales of 478 pounds net)

Country	Production		Exports		Estimated
	Avg. 1934-35	Est.	Avg. 1934-35	Outlook	carryover
	to 1938-39	1940-41	to 1938-39	1940-41	about August 31, 1940
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales
United States	12,712	12,741	5,296	1,400	10,596
British India, in- cluding Burma ..	4,728	4,200	2,534	1,450	3,490
Soviet Union	2,981	4,000	49		normally about 1,000
China, including Manchuria	3,128	2,200	a/ 244		
Brazil	1,795	2,200	1,065	750	900
Egypt	1,846	1,850	1,747	870	935
Peru	378	350	a/ 346		
Argentina	275	325	136		180
Mexico	303	258	a/ 101		
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	245	250	b/ 258		
Turkey	251	360	a/ 80		
Chosen	187	189	a/ 47		
British E. Africa.	335	354	a/ 321		
Iran	150	230	94		
Belgian Congo	144	180	a/ 133		
World Total...	29,922	30,200	12,874		20,600

a/ Calendar year basis, average 1934-38.

b/ Probably includes re-exports.

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COTTON: Exports by specified countries, average 1934-35 to 1938-39
(bales of 478 pounds net)

Exporting countries	Countries of destination												
	United: King- dom	Japan	Germany	France	Italy	Belgium	China	Canada	United States	India	Russia	Others	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales
United States...a/	1,097	1,271	579	589	430	146	55	b/	-	45	b/	1,084	5,296
India	356	1,372	164	125	134	173	166	b/	b/	-	b/	44	2,534
Egypt	554	149	175	215	115	19	b/	b/	b/	100	b/	420	1,747
Brazil	231	200	331	92	38	34	50	b/	b/	b/	b/	89	1,065

a/ Bales of 500 pounds gross.

b/ Included in "other countries."

Conjectures as to world trade in cotton 1940-41
(bales of 478 pounds net)

Exporting countries	Countries of destination												
	United: King- dom	Japan	Germany	France	Italy	Belgium	China	Canada	United States	India	Russia	Others	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales	bales
United States...a/	450	400	-	-	-	-	150	200	-	-	150	50	1,400
India	200	700	-	-	-	-	500	-	50	-	-	-	1,450
Egypt	500	100	-	-	-	-	30	10	80	150	-	-	870
Brazil	100	300	-	-	-	-	150	200	-	-	-	-	750

a/ Bales of 500 pounds gross.

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COTTON: Exports from specified countries as percent
of world total 1931-32 to 1939-40

Country	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
United States..	67.1	65.3	56.2	43.4	45.8	39.7	47.3	28.9	51.3
British India ^{a/}	10.7	16.3	19.6	22.6	22.6	25.2	13.6	22.1	15.2
Egypt	11.5	9.7	13.2	14.3	12.4	12.8	14.2	14.5	12.9
Brazil	0.3	^{b/}	1.9	6.4	5.4	7.6	9.1	13.2	7.7
Peru	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.4
Sudan	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.8	1.1
Total six countries ..	91.9	93.8	93.5	90.8	90.6	89.6	88.8	84.4	90.6
Other countries	8.1	6.2	6.5	9.2	9.4	10.4	11.2	15.6	9.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^{a/} Includes Burma

^{b/} Less than 0.5 percent

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COTTON: Production in specified countries as percent
of world total 1931-32 to 1939-40

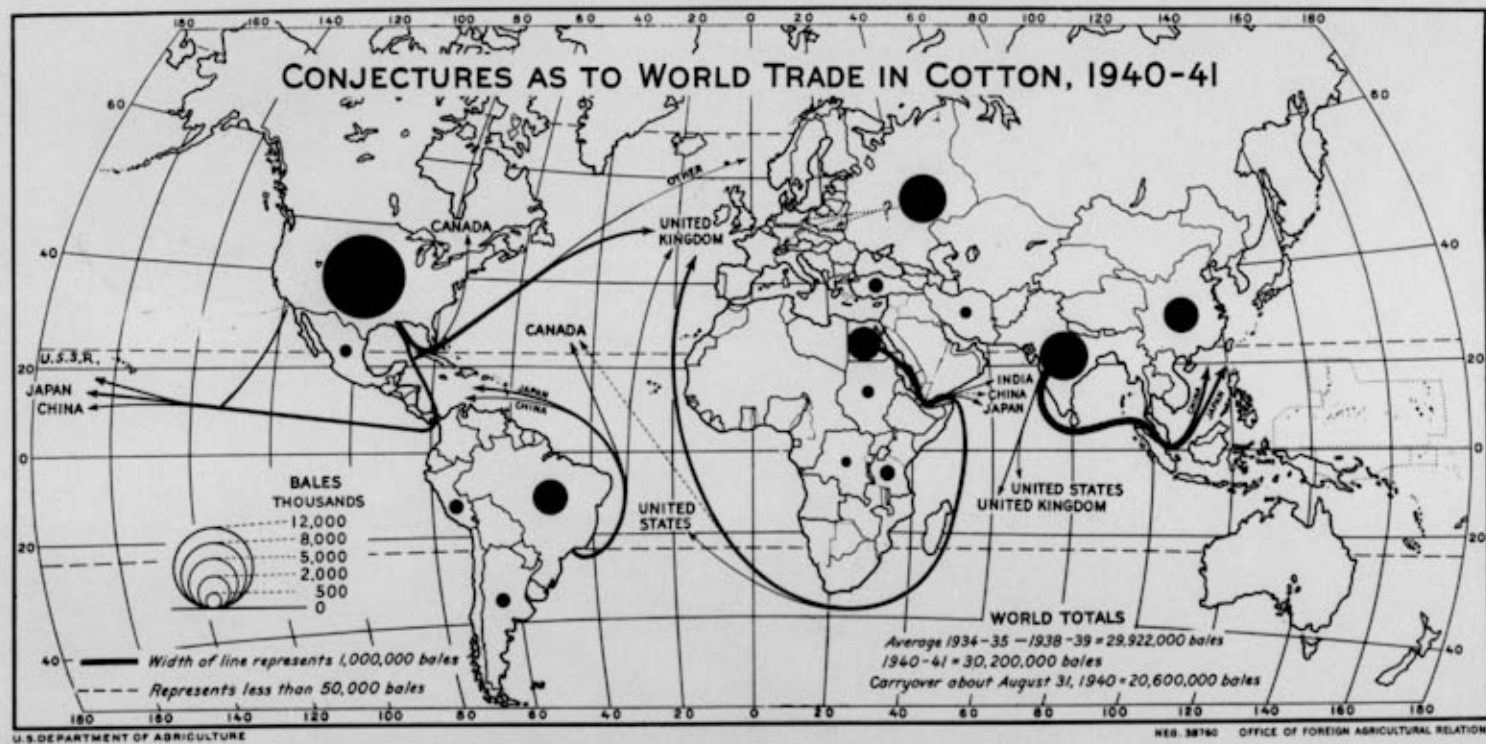
Country	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
United States..	61.5	53.4	48.5	40.4	39.8	39.4	49.0	41.0	40.9
India <u>a/</u>	12.1	16.0	16.0	17.1	18.6	16.8	12.6	14.9	14.6
Egypt	4.8	4.2	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.2
Brazil.....	2.0	2.0	3.8	5.6	6.6	5.8	5.4	6.8	6.9
Peru	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4
Sudan	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
Total six countries ..	81.3	77.1	76.4	72.1	73.9	70.1	74.7	70.8	70.8
Other Countries									
China <u>b/</u>	7.5	11.2	11.1	13.6	10.0	12.3	9.3	7.9	6.6
Russia	6.6	7.5	7.0	7.1	8.4	10.8	9.6	13.3	14.0
Others.....	4.0	4.2	5.5	7.2	7.7	6.8	6.4	8.0	8.6
Total other countries...	18.1	22.9	23.6	27.9	26.1	29.9	25.3	29.2	29.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

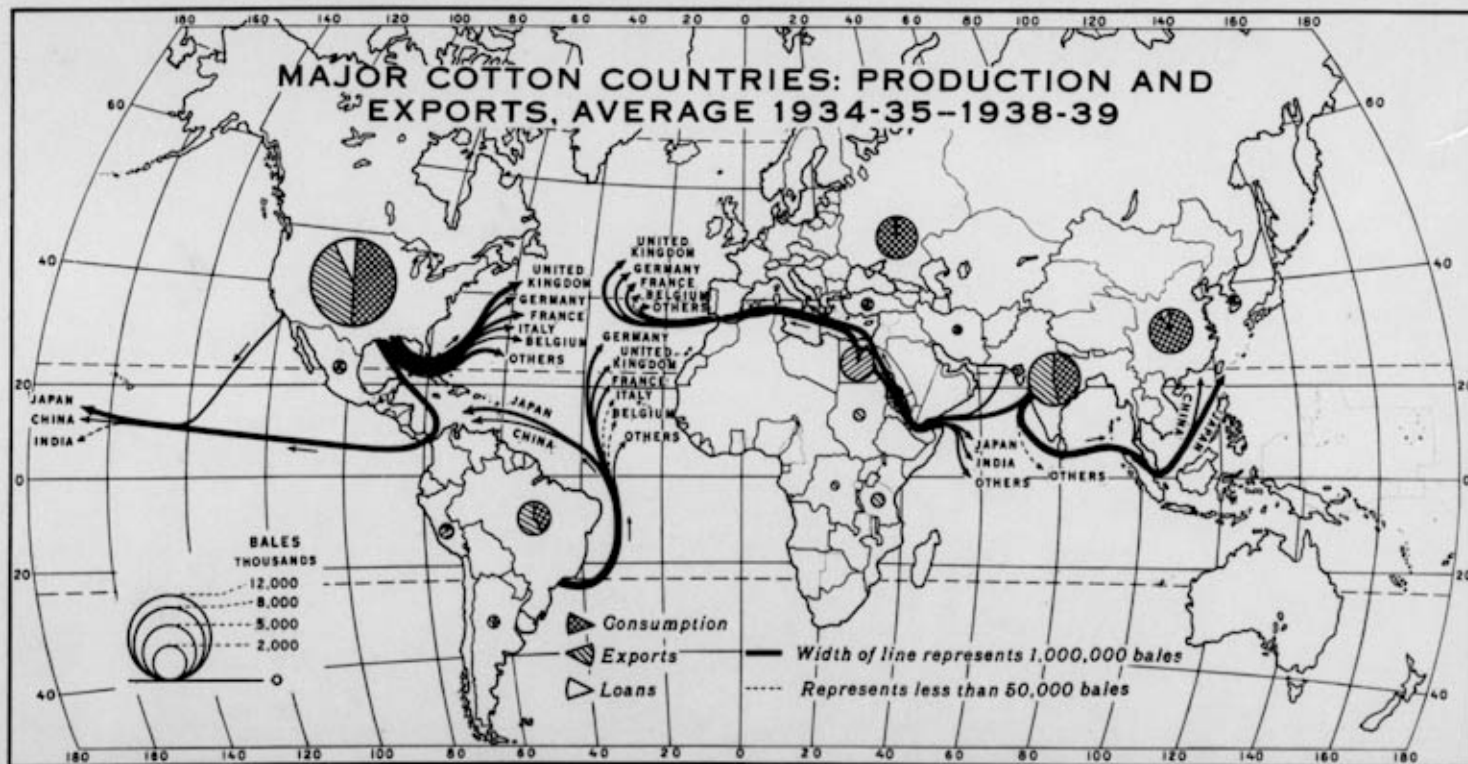
a/ Includes Burma

b/ Includes Manchuria

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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PSF Richard F. Alder
Ager.

February 17, 1941.

Dear Claude:-

There is just one way in which Earle Clapp can make amends to the Government of the United States. Naturally I accept his sincere apologies to the President but I think that it is necessary that a repetition of this sort of thing be prevented for all times in this branch of the Government.

I, therefore, suggest that as he is your subordinate, you call his attention to his violation of the merit or career service policy of the Government which has existed for the last sixty years -- with an increasing trend away from the older theory of political patronage.

This should be in the form of an admonition by you, should be accompanied by a written expression of his sincere apology, and should then be promulgated to the same list of people who received the original statement or political appeal from Mr. Clapp.

I am sorry about Mr. Clapp but the regular permanent service of the Government must live up to the perfectly clear law of the land as expressed by the Congress.

Always sincerely,

The Honorable
The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

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February 14, 1941

The President,

The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

Before I go into a discussion of the Acting Chief Forester's letter of March 30, 1940 to regional foresters and directors I want to pass along to you Earle Clapp's sincere apologies for the misstep he made in the second paragraph in which he referred to the "threat of reorganization."

When the Reorganization Act was passed Henry Wallace, as you know, instructed Department officials to refrain from engaging in any activities which in any way might be prejudicial to a program of reorganization under the Act. In general, Forest Service officials followed this instruction. However, many of them were restless under this restraint in the face of radio talks and other public addresses by Interior officials, calling for the transfer of the Forest Service from Agriculture. I do not doubt that in a few instances the provocation was such that Forest Service officials violated the spirit of the instruction.

I think it only fair to you to state that Mr. Clapp and others in the Forest Service and the Department believe most sincerely that a transfer of the Forest Service from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Interior would seriously impair the total program of the Federal Government in aid of forestry. But this feeling, no matter how deeply or sincerely held, naturally does not justify any officer of the Executive branch of the Government using such an ill-considered phrase as, "the threat of reorganization," even if it is addressed solely to his subordinates, and not to the public; Mr. Clapp fully realizes this and, as I say, offers his apologies.

Incidentally, we in the Department of Agriculture are working on a long-range program for forestry. In the not too distant future I should like to discuss this with you.

Respectfully yours,

Claude R. Wickard

Secretary.

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April 29, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Gene Casey might be an awfully good man for us to send to the British Isles as our representative there for the acquisition, administration and distribution of food over there under the Lend-Lease legislation. It would be good psychology to have a man with an Irish name like his.

The only question is as to the advisability of this step at this time.

We have Harriman there on shipping, and we have direct missions on both sides on the munitions needs. We have nobody on food.

I think you and I are agreed that there should be no separate Food Administration set up over here, but that the Department of Agriculture can handle it with present machinery or possibly additional machinery.

What do you think of setting up Casey as our man over there?

By the way, (and this will interest you) Wynant wires me from London that Tom Campbell has made a real hit over there and is about to return here.

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April 26, 1941

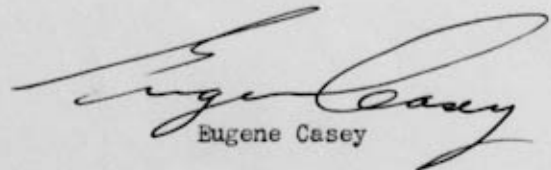
Memorandum for the President

Assuming, yes, granting the premise that the writer is reasonably honest and endowed with average capabilities, I am herewith respectfully nominating myself as either your personal representative or the representative of the government, or both, for the acquisition, administration and distribution of food to the British Isles under the lend-lease legislation.

If you recall, we discussed this matter two weeks ago today. Since November fifth I find things quite dull and would like nothing better than to set up headquarters in London or Coventry.

What do you think about the psychology of a wild Irishman with the Celtic name of Casey feeding, under your direction, the peoples of England, Scotland and Wales? You will please pardon my interposing an answer, but I believe it would be good.

If I were possessed of subtlety, I should employ another approach. The boldness born of inaction and frustration prompts this respectful ingenuosness on my part.


Eugene Casey

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May 13, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR
SECRETARY WICKARD:

Please read this and then
talk it over with the Vice President
and Dr. Parran. What do you think
we should do?

F. D. R.

Letter from Hon. John Gilbert Winant, Embassy
of the U.S.A., London, 5/6/41 to the President
(Secret), enclosing a memorandum on food and
its distribution, which he and Mrs. Carroll pre-
pared. The memorandum is entitled "The Food
Problem in England".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 19, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. CLAUDE WICKARD

Please take this up with me
on your return.

F. D. R.

Enclosures

Memorandum for the President from Hon. Edward J. Flynn, 5/15/41, suggesting that Black be appointed to the Federal Reserve and Eugene Casey to Farm Credit, Letter from Hon. H. A. Wallace, 5/16/41, stating that Eugene Case is more absolutely and completely loyal to the New Deal than almost anyone he knows, and memorandum for the Vice President from Eugene Casey, 5/9/41, asking that he be appointed as Administrative Assistant to the President.

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June 23, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I have talked to Wickard about this. Wickard is not enthusiastic, as you know, about Casey and does not want him to go to England.

He thinks we can get a far better person to head the Farm Credit Administration. Nor is he enthusiastic about Casey on the Federal Reserve Board.

In fact he is inclined to think that for the moment the best thing to do is to leave Casey right where he is hoping that something will develop that Casey can do.

HLH

HARRY L. HOPKINS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1941

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TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT.

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The President,

The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

In your letter of April 29 you suggest the possibility of sending Gene Casey to the British Isles as our representative for the acquisition, administration, and distribution of food over there under the lend-lease legislation.

Such an arrangement would be somewhat contrary to the thoughts that Harry Hopkins and I have had on this matter. Several weeks ago we agreed that Loyd Steere should act as our representative in London on the entire food front. As you may know, Loyd Steere is our agricultural attache in London. He has been there in the British Isles for the last 20 months and previous to that time spent 13 years in Berlin. For the last few weeks he has been here in Washington helping us in our negotiations with the British Food Mission, but we are planning to send him back to London soon. Everyone who knows him, including Harry, considers him a very able person and one extremely well equipped to expedite any negotiations that might be necessary in London insofar as our food activities are concerned.

I have talked this matter over with Harry within the last few days and he continues to feel that Steere should be used in this capacity.

The job over on that side, so far as we can see it as a result of our conferences with the British Mission, will have nothing at all to do with administration and distribution of food over there. We actually turn over the food to the British in the ports here, and even if we should undertake shipment in American vessels, I am quite confident the British would prefer

that we turn it over to them immediately on arrival. Their Food Ministry is a big organization, and an exceedingly competent one. With respect to acquisition, the job would have to do with negotiations with the Food Ministry, and Loyd Steere has the personal acquaintance, the factual knowledge, and all the general qualifications that ideally suit him for the task.

Respectfully,

Claude R. Wickard
Secretary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In view of the fact that Winant apparently feels so strongly that you should send drainage engineers and a scientist who knows something about serum and Bangs Disease to England, I should think it might be a good thing to do as soon as possible.

F. D. R.

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November 19, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

As you know, Senator Wall
Doxey of Mississippi was defeated
in the recent elections. He is the
co-author of the Norris-Doxey Bill
relating to forestry and this is
his pet study. I wonder if you
need a man to act as a Special
Assistant to you in War Forestry
Control?

What do you think?

F. D. R.

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November 19, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

If we make Chester Davis Food Administrator under you, what would you think of giving him Schindler of Missouri as his first assistant? Schindler's work will be over in January and I hear he is too good a man for us to lose.

F. D. R.

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Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciate your kindness in sending me, "The Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill." I shall always treasure this volume.

Sincerely yours,

Claude A. Wickard
Secretary

The President
The White House

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC STABILIZATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JAMES F. BYRNES
Director

March 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM JAMES F. BYRNES

When you speak to Wickard you might want to have the attached paper to show that you have left with him important activities. It only shows that the Department of Agriculture, together with the representation on committees, is now too large for any one man to handle.

I have told Patton you would see him at 2:30 tomorrow. I will accompany him in order to help get him away in a reasonable time.



MEMORANDUM

Among the activities that will remain under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture by the terms of the new order are the following:

1. Farm Credit Administration, which includes
 - a) Federal Land Banks
 - b) Intermediate Credit Banks
 - c) Production Credit Corporation
 - c) Cooperative Banks
 - d) Crop Loan Agencies
2. Rural Electrification Administration
3. Forest Service
4. Federal Farm Loan Corporation
5. Agricultural Research Administration, including
 - a) Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering
 - b) Bureau of Animal Industry
 - c) Bureau of Dairy Industry
 - d) Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
 - e) Bureau of Plant Industry
 - f) Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

The Secretary of Agriculture will continue as a Member of the W.P.B. and other boards including the Combined Food Board.

The problems of the Combined Food Board are likely to assume the greatest importance during the coming year. As we move into Europe and the liberated areas are enlarged, readjustment of food allocations will be necessary. The food requirements of different areas will have to be carefully weighed in light of need and military and political strategy. These tasks will require the undivided time of the highest ability that we can command.

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January 22, 1945.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE:

If you have any urgent messages which you wish to get to me, I suggest you send them through the White House Map Room. However, only absolutely urgent messages should be sent via the Map Room. May I ask that you make them as brief as possible in order not to tie up communications. If you have very lengthy messages the Map Room officer will have to exercise his discretion as to whether it is physically possible to send them by radio or whether they will have to be sent by pouch.

DECLASSIFIED **F.D.R.**

By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

By W. J. Stewart Date FEB 22 1972

(Identical memos sent to all Cabinet Members and memo, 1/19/45, from Adm. Brown re this is filed - Adm. Brown folder, 2-45)