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Fort Worth, Texas,
January 15, 1931.

President Herbert Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President: I regret exceedingly to continue to bother you regarding farm relief matter however I feel you have as much human kindness in your heart as anyone and if you could only be on the ground in person and see some of the destitute farmers without food I feel sure you would give your support to the food amendment of the regular farm relief bill STOP The following editorial appears in todays Star-Telegram which covers our views QUOTE THE Deadlock in Congress on the drouth relief bill continues, with the Senate, so far as indicated, standing firm for its provision of fifteen million for food for drouth sufferers, and the House standing equally firm for elimination of this provision and confining drouth loans to the purpose of purchasing seed and feed STOP The House's action is obviously illogical, since it is as necessary for the farmer's recovery that he be able to purchase food for his family as it is that he be able to purchase seed for his crops and feed for his animals, and he can obtain credit at other sources than the Federal Government for the one purpose as easily as for the other STOP When it is admitted that federal loans of this sort should not be extended save in an emergency when other sources of credit are insufficient or when the human need for the loans is so great as to override the conditions imposed by ordinary credit practices, the sole question remaining is whether or not the present situation of any considerable portion of the agricultural population brings them within the scope of proper federal action STOP The general disposition of the Congress to extend drouth loans seems to answer this question. If aid in the form of loans is justified at all, inclusion of food loans is also justified STOP President Hoover's Red Cross call for relief of drouth sufferers does not eliminate the need for congressional action. The Red Cross will function admirably, as it has in the past in similar calamities, and as it is already doing in this one. But the Red Cross does not aim to provide credit for cropmaking, and that is what is needed and what Congress has agreed to supply in respect to seed and feed. The Red Cross' work is quite different, although, of course, it sometimes includes operations in the credit field STOP Needless to say, the farmers who are without qualifications in the ordinary sense are the chief sufferers STOP To say that their case is mainly one of charity dispensed by way of soup kitchens is to display a lack of appreciation of the quality of these dufferers. Given the barest opportunity, these farmers will stay on their farms, existing on short rations, and plant a new crop in the eternal hope that is bred in the man of the soil STOP In the Fall, if everything goes well, they will repay the loans which have enabled them to carry on. And they will repay loans which bought their family's food as readily as they repay the loans which bought the seed for their crops and the feed for their animals UNQUOTE I sincerely hope you will give this your careful consideration. It will be one of the most human services ever performed for the American farmer whom after all is the back bone of our country. He needs help now and quick. With much appreciation for your consideration I remain Sincerely,

Amon G. Carter, Publisher,
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and Record-Telegram

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