

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Amon G. Carter
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Purely Personal

Dear Mr. Carter:

I have thought that it is about time we had a little old-fashioned Americanism and self-reliance in this country. I regret you cannot support me.

It was upon my intervention that drought relief organization was created throughout the South. It was upon my recommendation that the very large appropriation was made from taxpayers' money for loans to rehabilitate agriculture from the drought in the South. It was upon my intervention that the Red Cross has been supporting and will support the hungry, and thus cover the whole situation.

I presume, however, because I have disapproved government doles I shall now be a public enemy, and that those making politics out of human misery will score with the Southern people. You may be interested in a message of a great Democratic President upon this subject.

That having been said, I wish you and the Hired Hand every success this coming year.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover