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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

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Congrats to Oliver Peterson (Bonn in Minn.)

Honored to be a Partner in this enterprise with Father  
Hesburg

FAIRPLAY FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THIS CONFERENCE HAS

REVIEWED SEVERAL OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR PROBLEMS THAT ARE BEING

ATTACKED THROUGH COOPRATIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

↳ TOO OFTEN THAT KIND OF ACTION HAS BEEN CONTROLLED BY THE

BIG AND POWERFUL COUNTRIES AND THE LITTLE AND <sup>weaker</sup> ~~small~~ COUNTRIES

HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT.

↳ THIS IS BAD MORALITY.

↳ IT IS ALSO BAD INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ↳ THE WORLD IS TOO

<sup>interdependent</sup>  
~~small~~

FOR TWO-THIRDS OF IT TO BE FORGOTTEN. ↳ THIS CONFERENCE

HAS REVIEWED CASE AFTER CASE RELATING TO THE PROBLEM OF OVER-

POPULATION ↳ THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO MANAGE OUR OCEANS ↳ THE PROBLEM

OF HOW TO PROTECT OUR EARTH'S FRAIL ENVIRONMENT. ↳ THE PROBLEM

Food production and Rural Development;

*The urgency ~~is~~ necessity*

OF REPAIRING OUR BADLY ERODED MONETARY SYSTEM, OUR TRADE

SYSTEM, AND OF BUILDING SOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SINOWS OF AN

INVESTMENT SYSTEM.

OUT OF THIS EXTENSIVE REVIEW, *which you have* ~~THAT HAS GONE ON OVER THE~~  
*conducted* ~~PAST 36 HOURS~~, ONE THEME HAS COME TO THE FORE TIME AND AGAIN:

WE MUST FIND A WAY TO SHARE POWER AMONG ALL NATIONS, WE MUST

FIND A WAY TO BUILD *international* INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL TREAT ALL NATIONS

FAIRLY. WE MUST ALLOW ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMON ENDEAVOR

OF SOLVING THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS. *U.N. - Its worth.*

*Yes,* THE WORLD IS INTERDEPENDENT. A SECOND THEME THAT HAS

APPEARED AND RE-APPEARED THROUGHOUT THIS CONFERENCE IS THIS:

WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME ~~SMALL~~ SHRINKING BOAT.

*and* global village - the same  
satellite Earth.

IF THE BOAT IS GOING TO STAY AFLOAT AND STEER IN A CONSTRUCTIVE  
DIRECTION, WE HAVE ~~GET~~ TO COOPERATE, WE ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> TO PUT THE GOOD  
OF THE WHOLE AHEAD OF INDIVIDUAL GOOD. WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF  
LONGER-TERM FRAMEWORK THAN WE ARE USED TO.

*Saturday*

I APPLAUD THE SPONSORS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CONFERENCE, AND I CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED  
IN IT.

TOO SELDOM DO WE STOP AND THINK OF THE MANAGEMENT AND  
CARE OF OUR FRAGILE PLANET. TOO SELDOM DO WE GIVE OURSELVES THE  
TIME TO THINK WHERE WE WILL BE AT THE END OF THE CENTURY IF WE  
DON'T THINK <sup>+ Plan</sup> AHEAD NOW.

~~In Sample~~

FOOD, ONE OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS WHICH MOST DRAMATICALLY  
ILLUSTRATES OUR INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE NEED FOR FAIRPLAY IS THE  
PROBLEM OF FEEDING OUR HUNGRY PEOPLE, ~~(Redaction)~~

IT IS OUTRAGEOUS THAT THE WORLD WITH ITS ADVANCE TECH-  
NOLOGY HAS MILLIONS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS GOING TO BED HUNGRY  
EVERY NIGHT.

IT IS INDEED TRAGIC THAT MILLIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE NEXT  
GENERATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL MENTAL  
AND PHYSICAL CAPACITIES FOR LACK OF AN ~~APPROPRIATE~~ <sup>adequate</sup> DIET,  
~~THEY WERE YOUNG~~

YOU HAVE HEARD FROM DR. BOERMA, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
THE FAO ABOUT A PLAN FOR ATTACKING THIS CRITICAL, ALL PERVASIVE  
PROBLEM. ~~MY COLLEAGUE AND ASSOCIATE, SENATOR MONDALE HAS ALSO~~  
~~SPOKEN OF THIS PROBLEM.~~

L I HAVE LONG SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD  
RESERVE SYSTEM. (INTRODUCED IN 1956.)

L THE UNITED STATES PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE PRODUCTION  
OF FOOD L I JOIN DR. BOERMA AND ~~SENATOR MONDALE~~ IN SUPPORTING

*7. Results Act*  
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, I HOPE  
THAT CONFERENCE WILL TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THIS  
PROBLEM. I HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND FUNDA-  
MENTAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES NEEDED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

Popul increase 2% yr  
Food Reserves - 100 million metric tons  
-6- 1 month supply  
Reserves in U.S. lowest in 20 yr

THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING THE WORLD'S PEOPLE WITH FOOD AND FIBER AT PRICES THEY CAN AFFORD IS FAST BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Weather

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE -- INCLUDING POLITICAL LEADERS AND DECISION-MAKERS -- FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE FORCES AND ELEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY INFLUENCE AND DETERMINE THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF A NATION. GREATER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THIS CRITICAL ISSUE IS BADLY NEEDED.

Inputs -  
land, water, seed, fuel  
fertilizer, Transport, Storage  
Credit.

BILATERAL AID. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT THE CONGRESS FINALLY

RESTRUCTURED THE AID PROGRAM THIS YEAR. I AM HOPEFUL

THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE CAN AGREE ON THE DIFFERENCES IN

THE BILL AND THAT BOTH BODIES WILL FINALLY PASS THIS NEW

APPROACH TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

9 calories  
energy  
1 calorie  
food

71.6 million  
2000% gains per year  
Asia, Africa, LA  
400%

↳ ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WAS FOREMOST <sup>in our</sup> ~~IN THE~~ MINDS ~~OF~~ <sup>as</sup>

AUTHORS OF THE NEW APPROACH TO AID WAS THE PROBLEM OF RURAL

DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION, AND FOOD ↳ IN FACT, THIS YEAR'S AID BILL

SINGLES OUT THIS PROBLEM AS ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR TOPICS ON

WHICH AMERICAN BILATERAL AID SHOULD BE FOCUSED.

↳ THE GIVING OR WITHHOLDING OF <sup>U.S.</sup> AID FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AND FOOD PRODUCTION WILL NOT, IN ITSELF, MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM ↳ OUR AID

PROGRAM IS NOT THAT LARGE. ↳ THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INsofar AS THE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION

OF FOOD IS CONCERNED, AND WITH THE <sup>Developed</sup> ~~DEVELOPED~~ COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY

THE UNITED STATES, WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPLYING FOOD EXPORTS TO

FILL THE DEFICITS.

WHAT THE BILATERAL AID APPROACH DOES IS TO COMMUNICATE  
TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE VIEW OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS  
THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT FIELD, NOT ONLY TO  
SOLVE THE WORLD'S FOOD PROBLEM, BUT ALSO TO BRING GREATER EQUITY  
TO THE MOST UNDERPRIVILEGED OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES -- THOSE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS.

~~THE VIEW OF THE CONGRESS WHEN ADDED TO THE ~~VIEW~~ OF THE  
WORLD BANK AND OF MOST OF THE SCHOLARS WHO ARE COMMENTING ON  
THIS SUBJECT, CANNOT HELP BUT BE INFLUENTIAL.~~

U.S. PUBLIC OPINION. YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING THIS MORNING  
ABOUT A RECENT SURVEY OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION ON DEVELOPMENT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH DEVELOPMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, IS QUITE WILLING TO HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM OF FOOD.

THUS, FROM ANY POINT OF VIEW YOU WANT TO CONSIDER IT, THE ANSWER IS THE SAME: IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO BE CONCERNED

ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POOR COUNTRIES. ~~TOGETHER WITH~~

THEN WE'VE GOT TO MANAGE ~~THE~~ <sup>our</sup> FRAGILE <sup>planet</sup> ~~EARTH~~ SO THAT IT WILL

~~WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM WE'VE GOT TO FEED OUR HUNGRY PEOPLE.~~

THE ENCOURAGING THING ABOUT IT IS THAT THIS SIMPLE TRUTH IS

~~UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.~~

and the People of America are willing to help the needy, -  
the Poor.

INTRODUCTION OF CASEY / IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE THAT THIS

CONFERENCE SHOULD CLOSE ON THE NOTE OF PRACTICALITY / AND,

OF COURSE, THERE IS NOTHING MORE PRACTICAL THAN TO ASK

OURSELVES WHAT IS OUR GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO DO ABOUT IT.

/ NOR IS THERE ANYONE MORE APPROPRIATELY EQUIPPED THAN OUR

SPEAKER THIS NOON, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC

AFFAIRS, MR. WILLIAM J. CASEY.

/ SECRETARY CASEY SERVES IN A RELATIVELY NEW POSITION IN

THE STATE DEPARTMENT. / IT IS FAST BECOMING ONE OF THE FOCAL

POINTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN POLICIES TOWARD THE

DEVELOPING WORLD / MR. CASEY'S BACKGROUND IN THE FINANCIAL AND

LEGAL COMMUNITY ENABLE HIM TO GIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

MATTERS THE KNOWLEDGEABLE CONSIDERATION THEY DESERVE IN THE

FORMULATION OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. THIS CRITICAL AREA  
DESERVES AN EXPERT, AND WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE ONE IN  
SECRETARY CASEY.

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