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Mr. Ferdie J. Deering
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Dear Ferdie:

You certainly "plowed a straight furrow" in your book, "U. S. D. A., Manager of American Agriculture".

It is regrettable that its taken so many years for your ideas to be put into effect. As you know, we are now moving in the direction you outlined. I am convinced that the consolodation will benefit both farmers and taxpayers. In addition, it should go a long way toward ending some of the internecine warfare which has kept the U. S. D. A. from being as effective a spokesman for agriculture as would have otherwise been the case.

We are working in the direction of the same kind of coordination in weather modification activities. I hope to have a proposal to lay before you at an early time. Judging from reports which reach this office from the southwestern part of the state, 1974 may turn out to be the beginning of the dry cycle you have talked about. I hope we can get our state in shape to cope with the drouth when it comes.

Sincerely,



Henry Bellmon

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