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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

RO LAND ELLIOTT

FROM:

JAMES CONNOR 

The attached file was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"I should also write."

Please prepare an appropriate response for the President's signature and return it to this office.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Attachment

Robert E. Van Meter file.

OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

FYI

June 12, 1975

Mr. Terrence O'Donnell  
Aide to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Terry:

This letter came initially to the President.

It is so rare and unusual, he might get a chuckle out of seeing the brief letter in which the food stamp recipient returned \$46 which had been advanced to him last February when he got his inc tax refund in May.

Sincerely yours,



EARL L. BUTZ

*I should also write*

( DKK CHENEY HAS SEEN )

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1975

Mr. Robert E. Van Meter  
527 Talleyrand Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Dear Mr. Van Meter:

President Ford has asked me to express his deep appreciation and that of the entire United States Government for your warm letter of June 2 in which you enclosed a Cashier's Check for \$46.00 covering the value of food stamps which were issued to you last February when you were unemployed.

You are indeed a rare citizen. You are obviously a man of great personal pride and integrity. You are one who has faith in America and in the American system.

We are glad that the Food Stamp Program could be helpful to you in your hour of need. We likewise commend you for your generous display of gratitude when your Government made an income tax refund to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EARL L. BUTZ

bcc Mr. Terry O'Donnell, WHO