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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I am pleased to transmit a Statement of Policy, a Renewable Resources Assessment and the Secretary of Agriculture's proposed Renewable Resources Program as required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974.

I have agreed that the general goals recommended by the Secretary are desirable ends and are worthy of our careful consideration. I have further stated that my policy will be to implement the recommended goals in accord with two basic principles -- maximizing the Federal budget's contribution to the Nation's welfare and minimizing Government interference with the normal operation of the market. I have also outlined some further work necessary to permit a more comprehensive assessment of the recommended program activities and targets.

I look forward to working with the Congress on these matters in the coming months.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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