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House of Representatives, U.S.
Committee on Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

December 9, 1966

Honorable Robert Dole
Room 243, CHOB
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dole:

Attached for your reference is a copy of the letter from
the Chairman to the Secretary of Agriculture, in regard to the
India trip.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Hyde Murray
Assistant Clerk

HM/jcw
Enc.

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Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in regard to your invitation in behalf of the President to Representatives Bob Poage and Bob Dole, together with necessary staff to visit India and other nations this month.

It will be appreciated if you will make necessary travel arrangements for Congressmen Poage and Dole and Committee staff members, Fowler West and Hyde Murray, covering their transportation and other expenses in connection with a trip to India, and other nations in which the Food for Peace Program is in effect, during the month of December 1966.

They will participate in reviewing the food situation in India in line with requirements under P. L. 480 and examine the progress made by the Government of India in developing their own agriculture. They will also consider the plans for other countries to make contributions to India during the crisis. They will also review P. L. 480 operations in the other nations they visit.

Transportation and other expenses will be made from foreign currencies wherever available in accordance with the Act of August 7, 1953 (31 U.S.C. 22a). They should also be authorized to receive advances in foreign currencies or in dollars where appropriate, to cover expenses.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

Indiana Trip

November 17, 1966

Honorable Robert Dole
House of Representatives

Dear Bob:

The enclosed letter to Bob Poage is self-explanatory. It is consistent, I believe, with your personal situation. Unless we hear from you we will plan to proceed accordingly.

May I again express my appreciation and that of the President for your willingness to take on this assignment. It is of great importance or we wouldn't ask you to make available valuable time during a period when you most certainly had other plans.

Please feel free to contact my office at any time in connection with detailed arrangements.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Quill A. Tamm".

Enclosure



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Honorable W. R. Poage
House of Representatives

Dear Bob:

I deeply appreciate your response to my request and that of the President to take on with short notice an assignment of reviewing and evaluating what is taking place in India. The situation is grave and it's most important that we have sharp, clear, first-hand information for we may all be called upon for quick action.

I appreciated your prompt phone call and as I understand it you can be available the week of December 11. I understand that you have a commitment the evening of December 12, and you plan now to come to Washington following that commitment so that you can be briefed on December 13, leaving that evening for India.

If this arrangement is satisfactory, I will so notify Congressman Dole, Senator Miller and Senator Mondale. We will plan the briefing session for December 13 and will tentatively set up a schedule in India which will give you an opportunity to follow up on critical matters. This will include a field trip to view first-hand the situation in the areas of severe monsoon failure.

Again, Bob, congratulations on your reelection. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

O'Neill A. Franzen