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Dear Dutch:

I am sending to you herewith the material I have so far produced on the proposed statement to Mr. Barnard. In a sense, you are the one who should take primary responsibility for this statement; for it is a presentation of the case for an expansion of agricultural effort and for the setting up of new administrative facilities for agriculture. As the ranking officer in immediate charge of operations in this field, the preparation and presentation of a memorandum to the President on that subject could rather naturally rest on your shoulders. But it seems to me important to bring to bear all of the experience and prestige available, so that I think it is good tactics to have this come as a statement from the Advisory Committee, rather than as a statement of special pleading by the person primarily involved.

I do, however, think that you ought to take very seriously the question of preparation of material for this statement. I do not know whether you want to prepare an alternative form to the preamble, but you surely ought to let yourself go (in power and in scope, although not necessarily in volume) on Section II. And you either ought to provide your own draft of Sections III and IV, or furnish your detailed reactions to the sections which I have written.

We will need to get forward with this material promptly, or we may be too late to be effective.

Sincerely yours,

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