Mr. Charles F. Brannan
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brannan:

I understand there is about 65,000 bales of Egyptian cotton on the way or now arrived in bond in the United States. The goods are not to be offered to the manufacturers unless the Tariff Commission raises the quota on long staple cotton.

I cannot understand, Mr. Secretary, why there should be any delay in raising the quota, especially when this cotton is vitally needed, vitally needed, for the production of war supplies in the cotton mills. You realize all Type I uniform cloths and fine poplins and goods of that kind use at least 1 3/16" to 1 1/4" or longer staple to meet government specifications.

Due to the great vision and scientific theories in cutting down our acreage it has put the United States in a terrible position in regard to the supply of cotton. With the war right on our shoulders it is a very, very serious situation.

Unless the government puts a restriction prices and allows foreign cotton to be shipped here we are going to be in one hell of a spot. Cotton can go to 65/68 a pound or higher, so I can't understand why the government has not started to lay a program to allow this Egyptian cotton to be sold in this country and raise the quota.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing you a 121 year cotton price chart and a reprint of the last OPA price chart, which you may like to review. No doubt you have all these records in your files but I think it will be difficult to find them all at once.

Please let me hear from you.

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