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April 23, 1942.

Mr. A. J. Hemming,
6171 Long Beach Boulevard,
Compton, California.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is taking this opportunity of expressing its appreciation to you for your part in the conduct of the Agricultural Resources and Production Committee of the Los Angeles County Defense Council, which was brought into being by the evacuation of Japanese families from Los Angeles County.

This sudden evacuation created one of the most urgent and most difficult problems in Los Angeles County that agriculture has ever been called upon to solve. Had it not been for the very wonderful cooperation of you who volunteered your services and the services of your employees, we would have had a major catastrophe in the matter of crops lost and destroyed.

As it was, with your assistance Los Angeles County accomplished what no other county in the country even tried. In the majority of instances, satisfactory adjustments were made so that the interests of the evacuees were protected. The crops were harvested and the lands were put in the hands of new tenants.

The public in general will never know how difficult this job was to accomplish nor how unselfishly you who participated gave of your time and assets.

We thank you and compliment you.

Yours truly,

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