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President Harry D. Gideonse  
Brooklyn College

Dear President Gideonse:

For November I had set myself a stint of writing and correspondence on the farm camp program which I have <sup>fallen</sup> far short of realizing. The spirit was willing enough but other factors interfered. Correspondence has gone along fairly well, thanks to supplementary help from a Botanic Garden secretary assigned for Saturday mornings.

Now things are moving so fast, witness the front pages of the Times this morning, etc., that writing like the enclosed becomes partly outdated. I changed a page in this material, prepared last Thursday and Friday, as a result of Sunday youth labor news, and this morning's release from Wickard makes another paragraph change somewhat in order. They announce, as you may have noticed, that farm labor may go as high as \$2400.00 per year!! And I referred to "servitude" of present farm labor returns.

Having put considerable reading and a little delving for facts into this paper, I hate to throw it away. Originally I started it with the idea of sending it to the Times or Tribune as another letter. I would appreciate your reactions and any suggestion as to possible use. Incidentally, the earlier longer 'report' is going through the route to become a Faculty Council information communication.

Sincerely,

*Ralph C. Benedict*  
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