

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., March 28, 1967.

HON. WILLIAM PROXMIRE,
*Chairman, Joint Economic Committee,
New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR: Thank you very much for your letter of March 14th about the hearings on Government properties and operations to be held in May by the Subcommittee on Economy.

I would like to submit a statement during the hearings, and would appreciate being notified when the Naval Academy Dairy Farm will be under consideration. With high regard.

Sincerely,

CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, Jr.

(NOTE: Representative Mathias appeared as a witness on the opening day of the hearings, Monday, May 8, 1967.)

R. D. MARSHALL & Co., Inc.,
Albany, N.Y., May 12, 1967.

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS B. CURTIS,
*House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CURTIS: Permit me to say again how much we appreciated the opportunity to testify in our capacity as Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Wholesalers before the Subcommittee on Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee in Washington on May 10. One point occurred to me during the hearing, but the opportunity to bring it up did not appear, but I should like to pass it on to you at this time.

We were discussing the savings to be realized by our government if the existing inventories in the hands of wholesalers in every state were to be drawn upon by the government for those commercially available items stocked by the various commodity line wholesalers. We are certain that this savings in cost is large as our testimony documented. The other side of the coin is attractive, too, for government purchasing at the local level is bound to stimulate the economy of that area.

It is not hard to recall federal programs for local assistance which are an outright drain on the national budget, but this simple plan to have governmental agencies buy commercially available items from local suppliers would result not only in a savings for the national budget but would improve local economies.

This is a point which we believe has not been sufficiently emphasized and we are grateful for the opportunity of presenting it to you for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

R. DOUGLAS MARSHALL,
Chairman of the Board, National Association of Wholesalers.