

Advance Acquisition Program (Section 608 of the Foreign Assistance Act).
 Apparently the costs involved have limited the acquisition of property from Hawaii under Section 608 of the Foreign Assistance Act.

Our Program has not dealt with foreign excess property and we are unable to evaluate the economic aspect of acquiring from foreign sources without more information on the types, quantities, conditions, and desirability of such property.

Kind personal regards. May the Almighty be with you and yours always.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BURNS.

STATE OF IDAHO,
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
 Boise, October 18, 1967.

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
 U.S. Senator,
 Senate Office Building,
 Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on S. 1974, and the status of the surplus property program in Idaho. This program has in the past been of very significant value to our State, and has provided our agencies and political subdivisions with an opportunity to acquire properties, materials, and equipment that would otherwise have been unavailable or too expensive.

During the last eighteen months we have experienced a huge decline in the quantity and quality of Federal surplus property received and available for donation. This has had an adverse effect on our expanding programs of health, education, and civil defense institutions. I fear that if this decline continues, and the program provides relief, the donable surplus property program will be

Sincerely,

DON SAMUELSON, Governor.

STATE OF NEBRASKA,
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
 Lincoln, October 17, 1967.

HON. ERNEST GRUENING,
 U.S. Senator,
 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: This will acknowledge with gratitude receipt of your letter dated October 5th with regard to surplus property being used primarily by the agency for a National Development.

Most certainly I am in agreement with your contention that the States have great need for surplus property and I applaud you for your efforts and for the introduction of S. 1974.