

and I hasten to support your measure as a necessary action.

In addition, it may be beneficial to require AID to submit to G.S.A. adequate assurances that it has properly fulfilled the express intent of their surplus property acquisitions and at a later date AID be required to confirm the utilization.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. VOLPE, *Governor.*

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
St. Paul, October 13, 1967.

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

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: Thank you for your recent letter in regard to the administration of the excess Federal property program.

You stated that one of the reasons for diminishing amounts of surplus property given to Minnesota, and the poor quality of the property so given is the higher priority accorded to the Agency for International Development, commonly referred to as AID. You also stated that a recent hearing before a subcommittee higher education facilities and technical schools, as well as to independent institutions. In addition, through our Civil Defense Agency we have distributed such property on a controlled basis to municipalities.

Senator, in this area we have been at a marked disadvantage as we are a "have not state" in a "have not area". By this, I mean the scarcity of defense and military facilities and installations prevents Minnesota and this area from generating large amounts of surplus equipment. Although it is true that this property is distributed on an allotment basis, nevertheless states in the area of such generating centers are in a position to secure more favorable allotments, as the cost of transportation to the Federal Government is materially reduced.

Furthermore, it should be noted that Minnesota, (as does each of the other states) defrays the cost of repairing excess property, thus saving the Federal Government a substantial sum yearly.

Your interest in legislation that would place Minnesota in a more favorable position with respect to securing surplus Federal property is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,

HAROLD LEVANDER, *Governor.*