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KENNETH M. CURTIS
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to call your attention to a situation that deeply disturbs me as Governor of the State of Maine.

In the past year, because of supplemental Federal funds, more than 17,000 needy Maine children have received free or reduced rate meals at schools. This represents an increase within the period of November 1968 to November 1969 of 10,000 Maine youngsters that are being helped.

This supplemental funding is about to expire. Unless emergency funds are immediately secured, the program of meals for needy children in Maine schools will practically be eliminated. Only 1,000 children will be left in the program and 16,000 will be dropped.

The emergency funding for the State of Maine that would be required is \$336,500. This sum would accommodate the children presently participating and those that are daily being identified as needy.

In a land of plenty such as the United States, a failure to maintain our efforts at combatting hunger and malnutrition among our youngsters represents an intolerable failure of national purpose, it seems to me. I ask your help to avert this impending hardship on the needy children of Maine.

Enclosed is further material detailing the situation in Maine.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Curtis
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Governor

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