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President's Committee
FROM James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor
on the Secretary of Labor
BUREAU Immediate Office of the Secretary

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*Phoned in
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by Ramsey Samuel*

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MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, TO EDWARD R. MURROW, TO FRED FRIENDLY, TO DAVID LOWE, TO THE PHILLIP MORRIS COMPANY, AND TO THE MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO MADE THE CBS REPORT "HARVEST OF SHAME" POSSIBLE.

THE PROBLEMS THAT SURROUND THE MIGRANT FARM WORKER OFTEN DEFY OBJECTIVE PRESENTATION. "HARVEST OF SHAME"--BECAUSE OF THE COURAGE OF ITS STATEMENT AND ITS FORTHRIGHT POSTURE IN SEPARATING THE HUMAN VALUES INVOLVED FROM THE COMPLEX ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS--WAS CONSIDERABLY FINER THAN ANY OTHER PRESENTATION IN MY EXPERIENCE.

THE PROGRAM WAS, TO MY MIND, AN EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF TELEVISION FOR REACHING THE TRUTH AND COMMUNICATING THAT TRUTH TO MANY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. "HARVEST OF SHAME" WAS TELEVISION AT ITS MOST ENLIGHTENED AND MOST EFFECTIVE.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE AROUSED OPINION OF SO MANY MILLIONS WHO WERE VISITED IN THEIR LIVING ROOMS FOR AN HOUR LAST NIGHT BY MIGRANT MEN, WOMEN, AND

*Miss L. J. ...
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CHILDREN WILL PROVIDE THE NEEDED PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THESE
AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO LIVE ON THE FRINGES OF OUR SOCIETY, SERVING IT, BUT
RECEIVING LITTLE FROM IT. SINCERE BEST REGARDS.

JAMES P. MITCHELL
SECRETARY OF LABOR

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