

March 20, 1973

Honorable Earl Butz  
Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We appreciate having received a letter dated February 8 from M. D. Levin, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Program Staff, Agriculture Research Service, concerning USDA activities in regard to potato blight research.

In pursuing the matter, it would be helpful to know how the USDA conducts its grading and monitoring of potatoes, to ensure that no diseased produce reaches consumers.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

GAYLORD NELSON  
U.S. Senator

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