

AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION

March 14, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodhart, Sr.  
1609 Crater Lake Avenue  
Milpitas, California 95035

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goodhart:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st concerning the availability of water in and around Walnut, Kansas.

Certainly share your concern about the water shortage in Walnut and throughout Kansas. The chronic water problem has grown even more acute in recent months as a result of the severe drought and the rapid depletion of our underground reserves.

As you know, the Federal government has no direct jurisdiction over rural drinking water supply. However, the Farmers Home Administration does make grants and subsidized loans to eligible rural water districts. I am informed that the Walnut district is eligible for FmHA assistance.

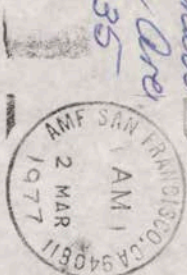
Again, thanks for writing to me. Hope you do so in the future if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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Mr. & Mrs. John Blackburn  
1609 Carter Lake Ave  
Midway, Ca. 95035



Senator Robert Dole  
New Senate Office Bldg.

Rm. 4213

Washington,

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Mrs. John Goodhart Sr.  
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Senator Robert Dale  
New Senate Office Bldg.  
Room # 4213  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Last October I wrote you concerning "Rural Water" for our farm and surrounding farms in Walnut, Kansas. I have corresponded with Mrs. J. E. Mackin who has 2 farms in the area - she tells me she & a Mr. Jones (who lives there also and had to have water hauled to his place) have exhausted all means they know of to try to get water. She says there is rural water within 3 miles of our farm and 2 miles of hers. Why can't water be brought to that area? She says she understands that the "government" has appropriated money to bring the

water to our corner of the area - but  
isn't sure whether its only ~~rumor~~ <sup>rumor</sup>.

We will be moving to our farm  
in July to live and hopefully produce  
crops and beef. It will certainly  
be a great relief if we know we  
will have a dependable water supply.  
Since water is not a luxury, but a  
necessary ingredient for life, and  
since the weather can not be depended  
upon to supply enough life sustaining  
fluid - I believe each citizen has  
the right to expect their government to  
supply this basic necessity. The drought  
conditions cause an extra strain on the  
farmers there.

I didn't hear from you after my  
first letter; since you were involved  
with the national election, I felt you  
had a legitimate excuse. Hope you have  
time now to respond to this letter.

Our property is: 65 acres 14-28-21  
Crawford County, Kansas.



Thank you for any help you can  
give us regarding this matter.

Sincerely

John + Dorothy Goodhart

Farm address

Route 2

Walnut, Kansas -

(be here after July 15<sup>th</sup> 1977)