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Hon. Herbert Hoover,
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. William Raymond, Vice President of the
Security National Bank of Oklahoma City, has
just written me as follows:

"I am writing you in behalf of John Fields of
this city who is being talked of as a probability
for appointment as Secretary of Agriculture
and I am more than glad to say a good word in
his behalf.

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"Mr. Fields is a high class gentleman and is at
the present Vice President of the Farmers
National Bank of this city, having assumed this
office during the last year. Prior to that
time he was editor of the Oklahoma Farmer, in
which connection he became very widely and very
favorably known. He was born in Iowa, was
educated in Penn State College and is, I under-
stand, favorably known to a great many people
high in Republican circles in your state.

"To my mind the most important thing about John
Fields is that he is not a follower of isms,
does not believe that the regeneration of the
American farm can be attained by legislation
and nothing else and is generally a clear, sound
thinker.

"Mr. Fields, in the last Gubernatorial election,
was the Republican Standard Bearer and led the
fight against the red wave that was sweeping
this part of the country at that time, and is

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one of the best Republicans to be found in the entire South."

I do not know Mr. John Fields, but I do know Mr. Raymond, who is a very good personal friend and a very substantial man in every way, and I am confident he would not make any recommendations which were not sound and worth considering.

I am under the impression that the President is looking for the right man to fill this position, and if he should decide upon Mr. Fields I should expect he would acquit himself creditably, and be an asset to the Administration.

I am writing this to you as I know of your interest in being helpful to the President in the discharge of the duties of his high office.

With very best wishes,

Yours very truly

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