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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Many thanks for your letter in regard to the National Nutrition Policy Conference planned by the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs for this June 19-21 under the general guidance of Dr. Jean Mayer.

Dr. Mayer, in consultation with the Committee, is in the process of organizing the Conference. At the moment, we expect the Conference to focus its activities on five or six major areas of interest, those being: Nutrition and Special Groups, Nutrition and the Consumer, Nutrition and Health, Nutrition and Food Availability (Agriculture, Food Processing, Food Distribution, Food Services), Nutrition and the International Situation and Nutrition and Government (Research, Support of Professional Education, Services).

The general plan for the Conference is for each area to be initially constituted in the form of small panels, consisting of co-chairmen and eight working panelists. These panels will meet several times prior to the conference to draft working papers and recommendations.

Additionally, we expect to invite some 200 to 250 participants to take part in the actual proceedings.

The Conference will also, of course, accredit observers as well as special guests for the major speeches.

The limited size of the Conference, as compared with the 1969 White House meeting, is dictated, in part, by the resources and space available in the Congress where most of the proceedings will take place.

Due to the limited size, it will not be possible to accommodate all those persons who wish to participate. But, we do want to encourage the broadest possible discussion and points of view.

Therefore, both for those able and unable to participate in person, we will circulate a list of the panel chairmen as well as specific issues to be considered so that everyone who wishes may submit, in advance of the actual conference, their own thoughts and recommendations in each of the subject areas.

Further, all who indicate an interest in the Conference will be sent a summary of the proceedings to be prepared by the Committee staff.

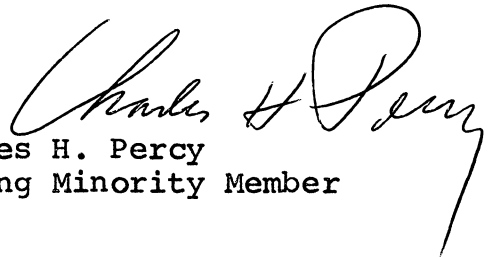
We look forward to a vigorous and successful meeting and appreciate your willingness to assist us in that endeavor. We will be in touch with you in the very near future regarding the nature of your participation in the Conference.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



George McGovern
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