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The President of the United States
The Vacation White House
Austin City, Texas

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully request that the Fiscal 1966 budget for the U. S. Forest Service include these additional funds for urgently needed projects in West Virginia:

\$466,000 for the construction of a Forestry Sciences Laboratory at Morgantown.

\$100,000 to expand the program of research into timber diseases, engineering, and wildlife habitat now conducted on a pilot basis at West Virginia University.

\$325,000 over the FY 1965 appropriation to employ additional scientists developing new marketing methods for timber products at the U. S. Forest Products Marketing Laboratory at Princeton.

\$100,000 for additional scientists exploring new uses of wood products at Princeton.

\$75,000 over the FY 1965 base to develop the full potential of the research program at the U. S. Forest Service Timber and Watershed Laboratory at Parsons.

West Virginia is aware of your interests and appreciative of your efforts to boost the economy of Appalachia. It appears to me that the greatest potential lies in increasing Federal assistance to programs already in existence and those associated with the natural resources of the State. In the case of West Virginia, timber is one of our greatest resources--waiting a full development.

Respectfully yours,

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