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To Alan Blum

Three years ago we established the Carter Center of Emory University to address some of the most important issues that face our nation. With the help of President Gerald Ford, Henry Kissinger, Cy Vance, Dean Rusk, William Ruckelshaus, Robert McNamara, Dr. Ed Brandt, Dr. Bill Foege, Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and other American and foreign leaders we have begun work on Middle East peace, U.S.-Soviet relations with an emphasis on arms control, national health policy, human rights, and global environmental problems. The essence of our work will be the analysis of complicated issues and the constructive resolution of disputes or differences.

In September we will convene the first symposium designed to evolve specifically the most effective approaches to resolving important differences. After a great deal of consideration by America's foremost experts on conflict resolution, we have decided to assess the subject of tobacco and its production, distribution and consumption.

Our purpose is not to attempt to negotiate or resolve the issue, but jointly to explore cooperative approaches that might benefit all who must deal with this shared concern.

The symposium will be small and its participants will be carefully selected. We want only those who can speak with knowledge and authority on the subject. We will convene at Callaway Gardens, near Atlanta, in a private setting designed to encourage a full, yet discreet, exchange of ideas. I will be present throughout the sessions to insure that the tone of the discussions is positive and constructive.

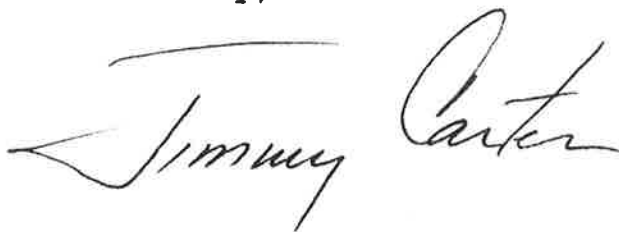
I am inviting persons representing a wide range of interests such as growers, manufacturers, distributors, advertisers, elected agricultural officials, public health specialists, and citizens' groups. These participants will meet privately from Sunday afternoon, September 8, through Tuesday afternoon, September 10. A group of nationally recognized, qualified professionals in conflict resolution has agreed to assist in these discussions.

One of the inevitable products of this conference will be the opportunity for participants to develop relationships with individuals whose viewpoints are quite different from their own. You can make a significant contribution to our discussions, and it is important to me for you to attend the symposium.

I have asked my assistant, Dayle Powell, to contact you within the next two weeks. She will give you a more complete briefing about the symposium and receive your suggestions on how our effort can be most productive.

We hope that you will be able to join us in what should be an exciting and mutually beneficial symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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