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Dear Ms. Gibbs:

Thank you very much for your scary 12-page Bulletin. Our attorney general addressed a political meeting here last week, dwelling considerably upon Illinois' enormous hazardous waste problem, receiving little attention. "NOR ANY DROP TO DRINK" and threat of a nuclear winter, along with top soil loss, rainforests, poisoned and deteriorated food, worldterrorism, liquor, drug and corruption problems leave us like the man permitted to select the tree from which he would like to be hanged, reporting that, in an entire forest, he couldn't find such a tree. We should believe Thoreau, that government won't solve our problems. Only the threat of the farm vote will force the government to offer some aid in today's dire situation. Only the last Nov. vote prevented loss of Social Security cost of living increase. SOLDIERS IN REVOLT finally ended the Vietnam War, while Russia, then Austrian, then German soldiers forced an end to World War I.

We are producing largely for the useless, the poisoning, and unusable arms; to create jobs, and thus buy votes, where there is needless unemployment; and to favor business friends of government, who will continue to provide generous campaign funds and kickbacks. We must all have the choice of doing constructive work, and refusing work personally dangerous, or otherwise unethical, without having to go on relief. Both individual workers and the community now reject many attempts to clean up situations, or forego plants which will either cost present jobs, or the prospect of additional ones. This is the reason for cooperative boycotts of all legislators who refuse to assure surplus jobs, through nominally priced sites, resulting from the full assessment of ground rent, to replace taxes on current and past production, at federal, state and local levels. It would not only give everyone his natural right to equal access to the earth, enabling him to exercise his faculties and support himself but also enable him to support all worthwhile activist projects, and withhold support from all dangerous and unethical projects. Such personal action appears to be the only workable means of counteracting monopolies and monopoly-controlled government, causing us steadily and rapidly to regress like so many lemmings, toward our doom. We must all appreciate your untiring efforts, and hope that more can be done in the way of prevention, so that we can be healthier, and enjoy vastly more leisure in a saner world.

Sincerely,

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