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*Red Surplus*  
MARRINER S ECCLES:

FSRC SHIPPED UTAH CARLOAD BUT-TER FROM CHICAGO AS YOU KNOW  
WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE SURPLUS COMMODITIES  
PURCHASED LOCALLY AND GREAT SURPLUS UTAH BUTTER EXISTS STOP  
THERE IS NO POINT IN PAYING FREIGHT ON BUTTER FROM CHICAGO  
TO UTAH AND AT SAME TIME CAUSING ADDITIONAL LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT  
WILL APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

ROBERT H HINCKLEY 144P

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August 22, 1934.

Robert H. Hinckley,  
Federal Emergency Relief Administration,  
Capitol Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Bob:

I called Jacob Baker on the telephone immediately upon receipt of your day letter regarding butter being shipped into Utah from Chicago. Jacob, of course, knew nothing at all about the matter, but stated that the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation was distributing the surplus products purchased by the Department of Agriculture and that no doubt the butter referred to was a stock of surplus butter which had been turned over to their organization by the Department of Agriculture for distribution.

Jacob seemed rather peevish about being called up regarding the matter and felt you should have gotten in touch with him direct. I told him I felt that the reason you had taken it up with me was due to my connection with the CWA last year and that you believed I was familiar with the situation in Utah and knew of the difficulty which we had in getting any satisfaction out of Washington last year with reference to this same type of problem.

Jacob said that in the case of all of their purchases they were required to take bids, the specifications of which were furnished them by the Department of Agriculture. I told him that it seemed to me there should be some way of meeting a situation such as the one referred to; that it certainly reacted unfavorably upon the entire government administration to have the milk producers as well as the processors, merchants and others put up a howl, which they naturally do when they see butter being shipped into Utah from Chicago when Utah has a large surplus of butter which it has to ship out; that a situation such as this could be met by an understanding of the problem and a willingness to cooperate with the local representatives.

Jacob said you would be over here sometime the first part of next week and suggested that at that time the matter could be given thorough consideration with an idea of finding out what the difficulty is and threshing it out satisfactorily. Am glad you are coming over. Will look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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