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### HUNGER ADVOCATES FOCUS ON 1990 FARM BILL

**THE 1990 FARM BILL** is the quintennial opportunity to make a major strike against hunger. Every five years Congress looks at farm/food policies, determines new approaches for the coming half decade and passes a comprehensive farm bill. The **House Select Committee on Hunger** provides input to relevant committees and subcommittees regarding specific issues on anti-hunger agenda. **Briefing papers are available on request.** The Committee's major focus this year is on proposals to alleviate hunger in the United States through the Mickey Leland Memorial Hunger Relief Act and internationally on improvements in the P.L. 480 Food for Peace program.

**THE MICKEY LEELAND MEMORIAL HUNGER RELIEF ACT (H.R. 4110)** will be included in the Farm Bill. It expands and strengthens the Food Stamp and Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Programs. The bill's provisions acknowledge the shelter and "heat or eat" dilemmas of Food Stamp Program participants by phasing out limits on the shelter costs and revising the household definition to benefit poor families who double up. It will also establish a National Gleaning Clearinghouse to provide a link between farmers, processors and retailers and charitable organizations.

**FOOD FOR PEACE (P.L. 480)** portions of the Farm Bill must effectively address world hunger and the deaths of 35,000 children each day from malnutrition and hunger related illness. The program goal should be to assure food security through sustainable and participatory development. Target countries could be determined by factors such as per capita GNP, under-five mortality and/or daily per capital calorie consumption.

**WORLD FOOD DAY, 1990** will occur as the 1990 Farm Bill reaches the end of the legislative process. The new law will significantly affect the incidence of hunger in the United States and the world. For additional information on the Leland Hunger Relief Act and Food for Peace portions of the Farm Bill, **please send requests to the address above.**