MEMORANDUM

To: Friends of the Foundation

From: Leonard E. Read

A study of F. A. Harper's "Agriculture's Sacred Seventh" inspires this thought: All class consciousness is born of political intervention.

There never existed a "farm problem" previous to governmental intervention. Prior to this, there were only personal problems. Farmers have difficulties no more than do persons who labor as teachers, as clergy, as wage earners, as corporate executives, as housewives, or whatever.

The political apparatus, if it is to manage the economy, cannot avoid creating class consciousness. Wholly unimpressive, indeed, would be intervention personally applied. Compartmentizing a population into politically manageable classes is necessary for the existence of statism.