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December 24th 1933.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher,
Senate Chambers
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Fletcher:-

The gentleman who will present this to you is Mr. W. H. Cralle now a resident of Fort Myers but a former Virginian. you will find Mr. Cralle a man of exceptional ability and character.

His mission in Washington is to secure from Governmental Agency a loan of \$750,000.00 to "Florida Sugar Cane Plantations" a Corporation of which I am principal factor and organizer.

This Corporation is but a continuation of my past sixteen years work in Florida; as you know upon retiring as Tax Assessor of Dade County my entire time since has been and is now devoted to the commercial production of sugar cane and sugar in Florida along the Tamiami Trail which I believe you and others will not think me egotistical in saying is the direct result of my personal activities and expenditures of both money and time.

Our Corporation now have 10,000 acres of land which the worlds greatest sugar engineers have pronounced after personal inspection and direct investigation "the best sugar lands in the world", upon a part of this land I have now growing a plantation of sugar cane, a small one but large in the sense of importance; it produce a phenomenal tonnage of the high sugar content and purity sugar cane; this statement is verified by Dr. F. D. Stevens, U.S. Agronomist now stationed at Belle Glade Florida which is both United States and Florida's Experimental Station.

It may not have any bearing on Mr. Cralle's undertaking but I am attaching an article written by Miss Daisy Aldridge my former secretary, (who by the way was placed by you in Governmental employ for which I desire to now and here sincerely thank you), Miss Aldridge has written a story which I very much desire you read; after doing so please examine minutely and carefully the "set up" and presentation which Mr. Cralle will present, and then please for the good of Florida, the un-employed, the best interest of our beloved Nation give Mr. Cralle the necessary aid in securing quickly and definitely the loan he asks for, for by so doing you will have accomplished more for your State, Your Nation, Our President, Our un-employed than any similar expenditure of money the Nation could employ.

Believe me dear Senator each word, paragraph, sentence and

complete statement in this letter, and also every presentation of fact and data contained in the application for loan which Mr. Cralle bears is equally true in every respect.

Altho Florida could not approach in production even a small percentage of the actual consumption of sugar consumed in the United States even the every acre of land actually adapted to this important staple were under cultivation south of Lake Okechobee (I am told that the United States including the beet sugar industry of the west and middle west, the Louisiana, Florida operations, the productions in the Philipines, Hawai, and Puerta Rica only produce---combined---about 17% of the actual consumption in the United States), thus here is an honest effort (after a lifetime investigation to produce with un-employed American labor and providing homes for many thousand American citizens now living in less favored climates) to produce in Florida a staple crop which some of the worlds greatest sugar enginners have pronounced, and experiance has proven to be one of the best areas in the world to grow this important staple; besides it is but following up the Federal Government's expenditure of eight million dollars in the Okeechobee Flood Control District of which we are a part.

For your aid which I know you will render in this enterprise let me thank you in the name of the many thousand who will benefit and ultimately be engaged in Florida in this industry, to which this is but the opening wedge, as well as in the name of Florida, your and my beloved State, as well as myself, I am with highest personal regards,

Most sincerely yours,

J.F.Jaudon.