

FLORIDA SUGAR CANE PLANTATIONS
OCHOPEE FLORIDA U.S.A.

Ochopee Florida
February 2nd 1934.

Major W.H.Cralle
Washington D.C.

My Dear Major Cralle :-

Yours January 31st in which you say you saw Mr. Ickes and that he is favorable to our case etc.; that is certainly good news; note that he turned you over to Mr. Foley Assistant General Council and that you would see him at 2.30 P.M. Monday and that Mr. Foley is going to pass on the question of paying debts with any of the money we borrow from Government; in this connection I feel that we can arrange the major part of our obligations so that very little except taxes will have to come from our initial loan installment, but it would be better to pay up in full and have a clean slate.

With great pleasure I note that Mr. Ernest Cotton of Miami will be the man they will first have to look over the property etc, I think Mr. Cotton is a fair man, he knows our lands, and also knows sugar cane, and how easy it is for us to safely prepare, plant and cultivate our lands profitably; certainly hope that he will really be the man we contact first, naturally any Inspector from Washington will be more or less guided by Mr. Cotton's knowledge of the case.

Surely Governmental authority realizes that we have spent and are spending large sums of money in even making this application for a loan, you and Colonel Lynn should welcome the additional expense (if they require your guarantee) of an inspection.

I wrote Colonel today (sending you copy of letter) will also send him copy of this letter. In my today's letter to him I said that I would gladly meet you in Jacksonville if he would drive me up there; one of the reasons I hesitate in getting this before Jacksonville is that Florida has only been allowed \$1,500,000 of PWA funds, I fear that they will consider that if they approve --even after a favorable report by inspectors--that our loan will be deducted from their total allotment; this should not be the case and it should be so explained to them before the matter is placed before them; in other words they should have the information that it WOULD NOT be charged to their allotment of Public Funds Administration Funds.

In the letter to Colonel Lynn today you will note the ten reasons why this is a National matter and also why loan should be passed upon by competent authority before the matter of financing is definitely decided and before it is determined just which branch of NRA is best to handle the loan to us; the fact of Cuba's duty being reduced would not effect us in the least, no more than there is a possibility that The Phillipines may gain or get their independence and they as well as Hawaii may become Japanese territory thus cutting California's and the western part of the United States sugar supply, either or both may happen, war with Japan would make a real sugar shortage; but the fact remains that we can produce sugar here just as cheap as any of them with AMERICAN LABOR now un-employed.

In-as-much as we finally must have an inspection, why not get it as quickly as possible? We surely can and will convince them!

Sincerely yours,

J.F. Jaudon.