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MR. PRESIDENT:

Herewith three items of good news in the world food picture:

Tab A - A chart showing the rapid rise in Indian fertilizer acquisition and the excellent prospects for the future;

Tab B - A Business Week story of industry getting into the high protein food supplement business. (I count this one of the most satisfying programs I helped instigate at the Policy Planning Council. Without private enterprise it was simply impossible to get rapid distribution of what was technically possible.)

Tab C - A general paper by Lester Brown which shows the following hopeful signs on the world scene:

- growing governmental emphasis on agriculture;
- better prices and the introduction of new seeds;
- accelerating farm mechanization, notably the diffusion of pumps;
- the diffusion of new, cheap, high-protein foods.

All this gives the human race some hope that time is being bought for the population control revolution to take place.

On some offbeat occasion, you may wish to talk about these improving prospects.

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Attachments