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1820 La Salle St

Mr. Walter M^c Laughlin

“Director of the State Dept.

of Agriculture”

Springfield, Ill;

Dear Mr. M^c Laughlin:-

May I ask your personal advice for following:

I have about 10 ½ acres of good land on the foot of Catlin’s hill in this City. for the last two years the Relief has rented this land for Relief Garden. The rental I received was not enough to pay my taxes and Special Assesments on said land so I must look out for something which will give me some interest on my investment

May I state that for the last four years I am unable to do any work account of injury on my left knee may be you recall that I use to be Mine Superintendent for a Sand Co. in this City and met you several times with D^r. Postina

I have not the money on hand to invest for seed to keep land in cultivation some acres in corn, clover, patotoes and Vegetables. have two boys old enough to give me a lift and some of my neighbors I am sure will help me

Do you think your Department could or would furnish me the seed needed for above purpose? I am glad to return at the end of harvest same amount of seed to your Department

At present I am just up against it having no income for years. Rent, Gas, Light and other Bills have brought me down that I am just penniless at present and with 5 children under 16 years of age You can figure out for your self what hardship I am going through

I surely will highly appreciate your advice and anything you can do to pull me out.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and could it be a favorable reply. I remain,

Sincerely yours
Peter Van Trigt