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CONGRESSMAN'S REPORT

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CONSTITUENTS, CONGRESSMEN AND COMMUNICATION --

A "GIFT SUBSCRIPTION" SUGGESTION

The word "Congressman" can't be found in the U.S. Constitution; officially we are "Representatives." My job in the U.S. House of Representatives is to represent (or speak for) 500,000 Arizonans.

I can't be an effective representative without a constant two-way flow of communication: I need to know what my people are thinking; they are entitled to information on my voting record, and to explanations of current issues as they appear to me. To discharge my part of this arrangement I have relied heavily on periodic newsletters and special reports mailed to every newspaper in the district, and to a 10,000 name mailing list of which you are a part.

My staff and I put a lot of effort into these reports, and we have been rewarded with a valuable flow of letters commenting both pro and con. Through this process I have been able to test my thinking and information against that of my constituents.

Now I want to expand this mailing list more broadly throughout the five counties of the new Second District (Cochise, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz and Yuma), and I ask for your help. This is my request:

Please use the enclosed postcard to send me the names and addresses of two or three friends or associates (Democrats, Republicans, or Independents) who might enjoy reading my newsletters.

Also, if you belong to a club or organization whose members would have an interest in these reports, send me the roster and I will be happy to add the names.

This is a "Christmas gift subscription" you can give without charge -- and you will be helping to improve your government and the kind of representation your State has in the Congress.

In the next few weeks you will receive from me a questionnaire, asking your views on major legislation to be considered by the 88th Congress.

In the meantime, my staff and I extend to all of you our best wishes for a happy holiday season,.

Farm Legislation Note: The years 1963 and 1964 will be important years for farm legislation. In continuing my search for sensible solutions to our farm problems I am sending out a special farm questionnaire to the farmers of the Second District. If you are interested in farm legislation and want the questionnaire, please let me know and I will mail you a copy.