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DAILY REPORT

Crop Much of the day was spent with different people coming in the office about welfare and farmer assistance problems. The welfare cases in every case required more exacting information. In two cases we have sent for birth certificates. The farmers' problems were handled by sending them to the appropriate county office of federal agencies. The one sent to Mr. Leach is probably going to get his loan. Another enquired about the Federal Insurance Corporation. He was sold a policy by two white agents; when he protested he did not want the insurance they signed his name for him. The premium was subsequently taken out of the crop allotment check. At this point he came to COFO. I am checking into the Federal Insurance Corporation, and will send a letter asking for a copy of his policy. The best that can happen is that his money will be refunded; the worst, that his policy will be canceled so they will not hit him next year.

The office was visited by two men from the Jackson A.S.C.S. office. They were investigating a complaint about Mr. Hodges. Bill wrote to Fitzgerald (Deputy Administrator of A.S.C.S.) after Hodges refused to speak for the second time (twice refused to speak). The federal agents' attitude was to protect and clear Hodges rather than to see if the complaint had any real basis. The men were hostile to us and very defensive about Hodges. The general tone of the discussion was likened to COFO workers talking about voter registration with Billy Noble.