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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

September 8, 1959

Miss Ann C. Whitman  
Personal Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Whitman:

Thanks to your kind assistance, together with that of Major Streiff, the current project of the Gardening Committee of the People-to-People Program is enjoying tremendous success in promoting German-American friendship "over the garden fence".

You will recall that we were able to secure some squash from the President's farm which James Macfarland took along with him and is now exhibiting at the International Kleingarten Congress, and various garden shows, in Germany.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing, for your information, a re-print of a Congressional Record Statement which Senator Wiley made shortly before Mr. Macfarland's trip and which will give a resume of the project.

I'm sure you will be interested in an excerpt from a letter received from James Macfarland today as follows: "My 'mission' is having a success 100 times greater than I had anticipated. It is Ike's squash that is doing it. The Germans are giving me a squash to take back to Eisenhower to show him their appreciation; and also to show him that, although squash is only two years old in Germany, they know how to grow it."

Would you have a suggestion as to how these German squash might be presented to the President? I should appreciate hearing from you in this connection.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Cole  
Office of Senator Wiley

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