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TO: Speaker Riffe
FROM: Scott Sturges
RE: Ohio Future Farmers of America
DATE: February 8, 1977

THE OHIO FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ASSOCIATION (FFA) IS
A HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ORGANIZATION WITH NEARLY 23,000
MEMBERS REPRESENTING 365 CHAPTERS STATE-WIDE. BOTH
YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE PREPARING FOR AGRICULTURAL
CAREERS THROUGH VOCATIONAL-AGRICULTURAL CLASSES MAY JOIN.
THE FFA STRESSES LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AND SCHOLAR-
SHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN PROBLEM
SOLVING (ESPECIALLY FINANCE PROBLEMS), IN PUBLIC SPEAKING,
IN BUYING AND SELLING COOPERATIVELY, ETC. THIS ANALOGY
MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE, BUT THE FFA COULD BE
DESCRIBED AS AN AGRICULTURALLY ORIENTED BOY/GIRL SCOUT

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION.

ALTHOUGH FFA STANDS FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT THE FFA IS INVOLVED IN MORE THAN JUST FARMING; IT IS INVOLVED IN ALL RESPECTS OF AGRICULTURE INCLUDING PROCESSING, AGRI-BUSINESS, AGRI-MECHANICS, CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, ETC.

THE FFA IS ALSO A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH CHAPTERS IN EVERY STATE AND OVER 500,000 MEMBERS NATIONWIDE.