

TO THE EDITORS:

In 1932-33, the Soviet Union's Joseph Stalin confiscated Ukrainian farms. Ukrainians who hadn't died of starvation were herded into cattle cars and shipped to Siberia.

Preparations for a similar episode are being made here in the U.S.A. Obama's Executive Order 13575 brings us one step closer.

The Executive Order establishes a "Rural Council" consisting of 25 departments of the federal government, including Homeland Security, National Defense, the Domestic Policy Council, et al. It's absurd to think that these agencies were assembled to aid farmers.

In the introduction to the YouTube video, "Executive Order 13575 'Rural Councils' Agenda 21 NOW," President Reagan exposes the plot to "imprison farmers who wouldn't keep books prescribed by the federal government" to seize farms through condemnation and resell them to other individuals," and to "allow the federal government to remove two million farmers from the soil."

Read that again, and view the video. Also note that the recent Food Modernization Act requires food production to be registered with the U.S. government. Food that is grown, sold or processed outside of government control will be considered illegal and subject to penalty. Fines of up to \$500,000 for a single infraction can lead to the loss of farm.

Provisions are made to place farms under the control of Homeland Security and for proceedings to be conducted in secret "in the interest of national security." See the outrageous 10-page form an Arizona farmer must complete and conditions he must meet to sell produce at a farmers market. See the video, "4409 -- Political Control Freaks Take Over Farmers Market."

The above is a smidgen of what is on the books for farmers and the American people. Connect the dots.

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