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Dear Congressman Oxley:

Thank you very much for your letter to the President concerning a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik restrictions for the USSR and its impact on American agricultural sales to that country. As the President reviewed this issue during the first part of December, your views and those of many of your colleagues were timely and considered carefully.

As you are aware, the President announced on December 12 that he would waive for the Soviet Union the freedom of emigration provisions contained in the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the 1974 Trade Act. The President made this decision based on the liberal emigration practices of recent years which will permit an estimated 360,000 people to leave the USSR in 1990, and after having received specific assurances from the Soviet government that this policy would continue.

The President acted also to assure access to the Soviet market for American farmers. We intend to make available to the USSR up to \$1 billion in Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) credit guarantees for the purchase of U.S. agricultural products.

The President does not plan at this time to send the U.S.-Soviet Trade Agreement to the Congress, to seek Most Favored Nation Status for the USSR or the removal of the other legislative restrictions that inhibit U.S.-Soviet trade. We still expect the USSR Supreme Soviet to pass an emigration bill that meets international standards before taking these further steps.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft

The Honorable Michael G. Oxley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 6, 1990

Dear Mike:

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We appreciate being apprised of both your views on this issue and your thoughts regarding a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. The President values your counsel, and I have taken the liberty of sharing your comments with his trade and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your perspective.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

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I urge you, Mr. President, to temporarily waive the U.S. trade restrictions and extend credit guarantees to the Soviet Union, a country in great need of a benevolent America.

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