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EXTEND EXPORT CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR
PURCHASES OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
AND PRODUCTS

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December 11, 1990

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, cosigned by 19 of your colleagues, expressing your support for granting export credit guarantees to the Soviet Union so it can purchase U.S. agricultural commodities.

We appreciate being apprised of your support for extending credits to the Soviet Union and knowing your thoughts regarding a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. I have taken the liberty of sharing your comments with the President's trade and foreign policy advisors so that they, too, are aware of your interest and recommendation.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
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December 5, 1990

McClure

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to take this opportunity to urge aggressive action on the part of the Administration to utilize every available tool to move U.S. agricultural commodities and products into the international marketplace. Federal assistance for exports of major U.S. commodities has been significantly lower in 1990 than in recent years, and large commodity supplies are depressing farm prices and could substantially increase farm program costs.

In particular, we would urge that export credits and competitive guarantees for commercial loans be made available to encourage and allow the Soviet Union to purchase additional agricultural commodities and products from the U.S. to meet the needs of its population. In the absence of a timely response on our part to Soviet requests for financial assistance, other countries are moving aggressively to capture this and other markets at the expense of U.S. agriculture.

In addition to enabling U.S. agriculture to compete more effectively for such an important market, providing needed credits and competitive loan guarantees would help address the very real needs of the Soviet people. Recalling occasions when food has mistakenly been used as a weapon in U.S. foreign policy, we believe it is now important for the United States to encourage current efforts to bring the Soviet Union into the world community. Such support would also foster a closer relationship between our two countries, and would be consistent with actions already taken by other nations for the very same reasons.

We are well aware that providing credits to the Soviet Union may require a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, which has been withheld pending codification of liberalized emigration laws by the Soviet government. The Soviets argue that they are

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addressing this issue by allowing large numbers of people to leave the Soviet Union, and that current bottlenecks are due more to delays in processing visa applications or to quotas on the number of immigrants accepted by the U.S. and other countries. This changed situation is cited in a November 30 letter to the New York Times from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, supporting a waiver of Jackson-Vanik: "American-Soviet economic relations should not be tied solely to the passage of new legislation, at a time when free emigration of Soviet Jews has largely become a reality."

We urge the Administration to act swiftly in order to bring U.S. policy on extending export credits to the Soviet Union for purchases of agricultural commodities and products in line with the actions of other Western countries.

We very much appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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