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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT E. BARROW

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON A RESOLUTION ADOPTED REGARDING
WHEAT SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION; SUPPORTS THE
PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO WAIVE JACKSON-VANIK

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December 13, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The delegates to the National Grange's 124th Annual Convention adopted the following resolution regarding wheat sales to the Soviet Union:

Wheat Sales to Soviet Union

"WHEREAS, the near record of United States and world wheat production is depressing prices to recent record lows; and

"WHEREAS, under the terms of the long-term grain agreement, the Soviet Union has been one of the United States' most steady customers; and

"WHEREAS, because of the lack of hard currency, the Soviet Union has been purchasing wheat from our competitors at more favorable prices and credit terms, bypassing American wheat producers; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly urge President Bush to grant the Soviet Union Most Favored Nation (MFN) status so they will be eligible for credit under the terms of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's export credit programs that would permit them to purchase wheat from U.S. farmers at competitive prices and terms of credit that will allow them to fulfill their obligations under the long-term grain agreement."

Therefore, we are pleased that you have waived the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the 1974 Trade Act's immigration requirements in order to provide a way for the Soviet Union to commercially purchase the United States' agricultural commodities using the USDA's credit guarantees.

Your action shows concern and compassion for the people of the Soviet Union and understanding of the importance of global markets to the U.S. farmers. We congratulate you on your decisive action and express the appreciation of the agricultural-producing members of the National Grange. Thank you, Mr. President, and may God fill this Holiday Season and New Year with happiness.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Barrow
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