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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. JUDY OLSON

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT AMERICAN
FARMERS BY EXTENDING ADDITIONAL EXPORT
CREDIT GUARANTEES TO THE SOVIET UNION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 29, 1991

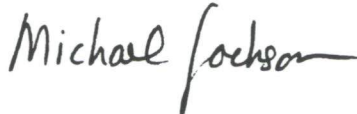
Dear Ms. Olson:

Thank you for your letter to the President supporting the allocation of additional Commodity Credit Corporation export credit guarantees (GSM-102) in connection with sales of agricultural commodities to the Soviet Union.

As you know, the \$1 billion in export credit guarantees already made available for this purpose, announced in January, has been almost completely used. For this reason, the Soviets have recently requested that up to an additional \$1.5 billion in GSM-102 export credit guarantees be made available during the remainder of fiscal year 1991.

The Department of Agriculture and the Administration are currently reviewing this request, and your views will be given full consideration. We are grateful to have your thoughts on this issue and have also shared your letter with the appropriate Administration officials.

Sincerely,



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April 30, 1991

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Dear Mr. President:

The Washington Association of Wheat Growers greatly appreciates your decision last December to waive the Jackson-Vanik amendment to extend credit guarantees to the Soviet Union. The credit guarantees enabled the USSR to purchase \$1 billion worth of U.S. agricultural commodities that would otherwise not have been exported. This trade has been as important to U.S. farmers as to the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union is an important market for U.S. wheat. Since 1975, the U.S. and the Soviet Union have conducted business under the auspices of a long-term grain agreement. Unfortunately, it has become increasingly clear that without U.S. credit guarantees the Soviet Union will be unable to honor their current commitment.

Our industry is vitally dependent on exports. Since the passage of the 1990 Farm Bill and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, wheat producers are even more dependent on international markets for their income.

Unfortunately, wheat exports are off by 20 percent compared to this time last year. USDA estimates an average farm price of \$2.60-2.65/bu for this marketing year. That indicates a drop of over \$1.00 from last year.

We urge you to support American farmers by extending additional export credit guarantees to the Soviet Union.

Sincerely,

Judy Olson

Judy Olson
President