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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 07, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN WHITE JR.

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS GRANTING MORE FARM EXPORT CREDITS
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FROM MR. WHITE REGARDING THE URUGUAY ROUND
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 2, 1992
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. JOHN WHITE JR.
PRESIDENT
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
POST OFFICE BOX 2901
BLOOMINGTON IL 61702**

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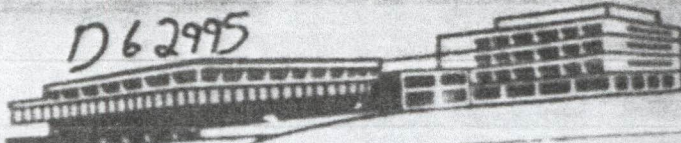
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Illinois Farm Bureau



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April 2, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I want to praise your announcement granting more export credits and calling for the establishment of a financial aid plan for the republics of the former Soviet Union. Your bold and decisive approach is a very positive step in helping the republics of the new Commonwealth regain their economic stability.

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Sincerely,

John White
President, Illinois Farm Bureau

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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter to the President regarding corn gluten feed exports to the European Community (EC) and the Uruguay Round negotiations under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The White has referred your letter to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for reply.

Since December 1991, the United States has been prepared to accept the Dunkel draft text as the basis for finalizing an agreement on agriculture in the Uruguay Round; the EC has not. In an effort to preserve meaningful trade reform, we have been working with the EC to develop a solution which meets its objective of accommodating reform of its Common Agricultural Policy while preserving the strength and commitments of the Dunkel draft text. Unfortunately, these efforts have only yielded EC demands for further concessions on our part. We have made it clear to the EC that we have no flexibility on rebalancing.

The EC's intransigence on corn gluten feed has been frustrating, but we have made it clear that the United States is prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure full implementation of the provisions of the 1991 Memorandum of Understanding on corn gluten feed.

We remain committed to improving prospects for American agriculture and will continue to make every effort to resolve this issue as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON

June 18, 1992

Dear Mr. White:

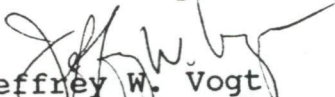
On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter expressing appreciation for the April 1 announcement of an additional \$1.1 billion in credit guarantees to the newly independent states (NIS) of the former Soviet Union.

The use of the USDA's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102), which is a commercial program, is crucial to ensuring food availability, and we are trying to spread credit guarantee coverage among NIS countries that meet program qualifications. Thus, of the recently announced \$1.1 billion increase in coverage, \$600 million will be available for Russia, \$110 million for Ukraine, and \$390 million for the rest of the NIS countries.

To the extent possible, we are seeking to build long-term markets for U.S. farm products in the NIS. We are currently developing plans to guarantee export credits for the establishment and improvement of facilities in emerging democracies to improve the distribution and processing of imported agricultural commodities and products. We are also expanding the staffing of USDA personnel in the NIS, with the addition of one agricultural attache each in Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Thank you for your support, and if I may be of further assistance, feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Vogt

Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

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Ms. Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Room 91
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Kelley:

The enclosed draft reply is prepared in response to the letter of April 2 from Mr. John White, President, Illinois Farm Bureau, expressing appreciation for the April 1 announcement of an additional \$1.1 billion in GSM-102 credit guarantees to be made available to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Sincerely,

Signed

Edward Madigan
Secretary

Enclosures

DRAFT REPLY FOR MR. JOHN WHITE, PRESIDENT, ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU
EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S APRIL 1
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