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LETTER FROM POTUS

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DATE: 09/24/96

FROM: Stephanie Streett and Anne Hawley
Deputy Assistants to the President and Directors of Scheduling

SUBJECT: Call in to the Rubber and Plastics Industry
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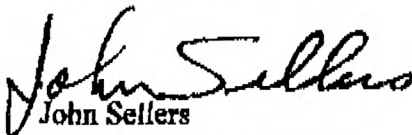
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FAX NO: 202-395-1232

FROM: Ronnie Walraven

NO. OF PAGES (including cover sheet): 2

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Ronnie Walraven



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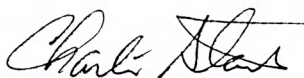
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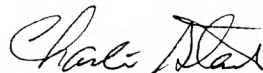
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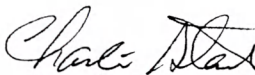
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