MAR 24 2010

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Data System (FPDS), the Federal procurement spending database used government-wide.
USDA has reviewed the data within FPDS, which indicates the following:

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  for products manufactured outside the United States
- There were no waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies
- Total USDA procurement funds spent for goods manufactured in the United States
  for FY 2008 was $501,350,777 and $521,023,813 for FY 2009.

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your staff contact Donna Calacone, Office of Procurement and Property Management,
Procurement Policy Division, at (202) 205-4036 or by e-mail at Donna.Calacone@usda.gov.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary
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