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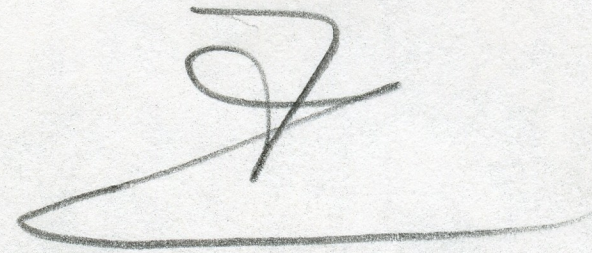
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 31, 1978



The President  
The White House

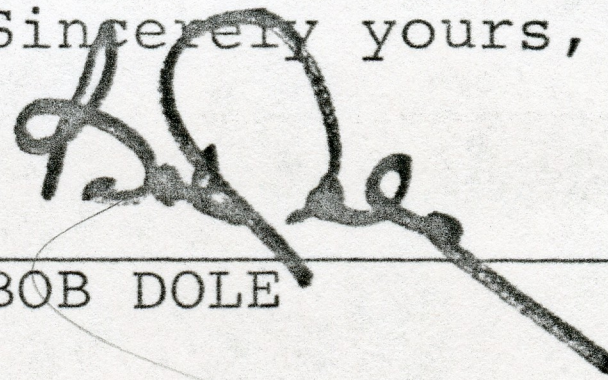
Dear Mr. President:

Duty-free bindings in the European Community on soybeans and soybean meal, which were negotiated in the Dillon Round of the 1961 trade negotiations, represent a current trade value of \$2.5 billion, about two-fifths of total U. S. trade in oilseeds and oilseed products. Over the years, our Government has defended these duty-free bindings against repeated attempts by the European Community to reduce the benefits of these concessions.

I understand that another attempt will soon be made by the European Community to gain concessions at the expense of U. S. soybean producers who depend so importantly on export markets to Western Europe.

The present U. S. farm situation would be further aggravated by any concession on these duty-free bindings since such concessions would adversely affect the sale of U. S. soybeans and soybean meal in the European Community. Therefore, I urge you to instruct our trade negotiators in Geneva to hold tight and continue the established policy of no retreat on the duty-free bindings.

Sincerely yours,

  
BOB DOLE

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