

THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
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Senator Bob Dole
Kansas
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

It is my great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1983 in which you have shown your concern about the current bilateral grain supply agreement between our two countries.

I wish, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation for what you and a number of Congressmen have done to urge your Government to resolve the quota problem over export of Chinese textiles and apparel to the United States. We treasure all the amicable efforts you and your friends have made in seeking a mutually acceptable solution over the disputes on the textiles agreement.

As you are aware that China formally announced, on September 6, 1983, a lifting of the purchase freeze of U.S. agricultural products in view of the current situation. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will soon send a delegation to China to discuss the issue, and as scheduled, a Chinese buying group in this respect is to visit the United States in November this year for further talks on purchasing U.S. grain. Actually we have resumed buying U.S. agricultural products as well as synthetic fibres recently.

It is my belief that a mutually satisfactory settlement can be worked out with joint efforts that will, no doubt, enhance the mutual understanding and the bilateral trade relationship between China and the United States in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,



Zhang Wenjin
Ambassador of the People's
Republic of China