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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DATE: 14 FEB 79

FOR ACTION: TIM KRAFT *NC*

ARNIE MILLER

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INFO ONLY: ZBIG BRZEZINSKI

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Pastor has made
with Tim now.
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SUBJECT: SMITH LETTER RE GOV. BRISCOE AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR
USDA PROGRAMS IM MEXICO

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
+ BY: 1200 PM FRIDAY 16 FEB 79 +
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ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

February 12, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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for Preservation Purposes**

Dear Mr. President:

Last fall with the approval of Secretary Bergland, I submitted to you a proposal to name Governor Dolph Briscoe as your personal representative for USDA programs in Mexico. I was advised by John C. White that you concurred with this proposal. I then talked to Governor Briscoe and he indicated an interest in serving in this position. Going through what I was advised was the proper channels, I prepared a letter for Secretary Bergland's signature to Secretary Vance outlining this proposal and the reasons for it.

Two weeks ago Ambassador Pat Lucy called me and informed me that he was against this proposal. The only real reason that he could give me that I could understand was that the Mexicans did not approve this. I have been in contact with Mexican cattlemen and Mexican officials and they very definitely approve this and, furthermore, said they could work better with Dolph Briscoe than they could Ambassador Lucy. If you still concur with my original plan, then I respectfully urge you to implement this.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bobby Smith".

P. R. "Bobby" Smith
Assistant Secretary for Marketing
and Transportation Services

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