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The Honorable Clayton Yeutter
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2006, and for sharing a copy of the Inaugural Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy, "U.S. Farm Policy—At a Crossroads?" that you delivered recently at the University of Minnesota. As you know, we have been gathering public input on the 2007 Farm Bill over the past several months, and your thoughts on farm policy in this regard are much appreciated.

I also appreciate your sharing information on Mr. Harlan Anderson's work in the area of farm policy and have passed this material along to the appropriate people for consideration as the Department develops its proposals for the bill.

Again, thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns", written in a cursive style.

Mike Johanns
Secretary