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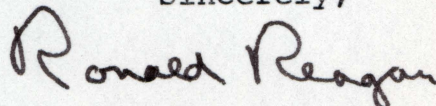
Dear Bob:

I was delighted that you could join me on December 22 in the Oval Office, when I signed into law the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (S. 884). In addition to the signing pen which I presented to you, I want you to have a photograph that was taken to commemorate the occasion.

The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 is a bipartisan measure which reflects many months of hard work by the Congress and the Administration. Its four-year authorization will provide stability for producers and increase the market orientation of American agriculture. It also extends authorizations for the Food Stamp Program, the Food for Peace Program, agricultural research and extension services, and other significant functions of the Department of Agriculture.

I signed this bill in the belief that it will yield benefits to both producers and consumers. Your leadership and dedication were crucial throughout the legislative process, and I salute you. At the same time, I want you to know how much I look forward to your continued counsel and friendship as we begin the new legislative session.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510