

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1994

Dear Mr. Leader:

Thank you for your letter concerning the European Union's banana import regime and the related Framework Agreement which some Latin American banana producing countries have concluded with the European Union (EU). My Administration shares your concern about the adverse impact the EU's banana policy and the Framework Agreement have on U.S. commercial interests.

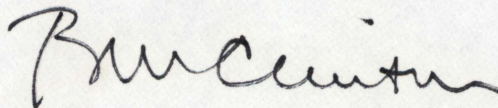
We intend to pursue vigorously the section 301 investigation of the EU practices regarding bananas initiated on October 17. We also will not hesitate to initiate investigations of the practices of any of the Latin American signatories of the Framework Agreement if necessary.

The Administration has been in contact at the highest levels with both the European Union and Latin American governments on this issue. We have made it clear in such contacts that significant U.S. trade interests are involved in this case and that we will take the necessary steps to safeguard such interests.

United States Trade Representative Mickey Kantor is involved in this case personally and will pursue it until the matter is satisfactorily resolved. His office will keep you advised of developments and progress on this case.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Dole", written in a cursive style.

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