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From: Christian Foster
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Subject: Congressional Request for Information on Collaborative Science and
Technology Activities with China

As requested, we are forwarding to you a comprehensive list of collaborative science and technology activities with China sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from 2002-2003. Also included are copies of cooperative agreements signed between China and the United States that support most of these activities.

In addition, as requested by the February 2, 2004 letter from you to Jocelyn Brown, USDA has identified Dr. Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director of the International Cooperation and Development Program Area's (ICD) Research and Scientific Exchanges Division to serve as representative on the interagency committee for science and technology cooperation with China.

As is evident from the extensive description of activities included in this updated report, USDA has continued to be involved in a number of collaborations with China. We have built a strong network of connections within China that has contributed to a positive U.S.-China bilateral relationship. This collaboration is highly beneficial both to Chinese participants and to U.S. scientists, who have mutually benefited from exposure to scientific and technological advances. All USDA agencies that submitted information for this report are actively planning collaborations for coming years.

In fulfilling the requirements of this Congressional request, we solicited information from within ICD of the Foreign Agricultural Service and from other relevant agencies within USDA. We received the following responses:

ICD - activities included in this report.

Agricultural Research Service - separate report attached. A number of ARS activities are funded through ICD and appear in the ICD compilation.

Forest Service - separate report attached.

Natural Resource and Conservation Service - no separate report. All collaborative S&T activities with China are included in the ICD report.

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service - no separate report. All collaborative S&T activities with China are included in the ICD report.

Economic Research Service - Separate report attached.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - nothing to report.

Food Safety and Inspection Service - nothing to report.

Funding levels for our collaborations with China for the period of 2002-2003 are indicated individually for each project or program. In the case of the Agricultural Research Service, while a number of international collaborations are listed, the ARS Office of International Programs has no direct Congressional allocation for international collaborations, with funding for this purpose derived from non-ARS sources that include “in-kind” contributions. Therefore, no funding levels appear in the ARS submission to this report.

One question raised during the process of collecting information was to what extent to include trade and agricultural business-related activities, such as the ICD Cochran Fellowship Program that brings Chinese and other nationalities to the United States for targeted visits. We made a determination to draw the line between S&T and trade and elected to omit collaborations with China that had a trade or business focus.

Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director of the ICD Research and Scientific Exchanges Division, Susan Owens, Deputy Director of that division and Benjamin Petlock, International Affairs Specialist, are the USDA contact persons for this report.

If you have additional requests for information, please call (202) 690-4872.

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