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related to our Potato project in the

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 22, 1998

Dear Harry:

I am writing to you to commend the initiative the Carter Center has undertaken to develop a coordinated NGO long-term approach to the severe problems of food security for the people of North Korea. We very much share your belief in the importance of designing effective means to avert a repetition of the food crises of the last several years.

It is gratifying to see that you are planning to build an organizational base to address these problems on a sustained basis. In addition, we are pleased that you have chosen to focus on several key elements necessary to help the DPRK begin dealing with their food security challenge, namely improving the quality of plant material, developing sources for adequate supplies of appropriate fertilizers, and promoting the training of agricultural specialists in international centers.

It needs to be done to encourage North Korea to become an active and constructive member of the international community. Of course, this also depends in large part on the willingness of the North Koreans to adopt necessary reforms. Nevertheless, we strongly believe that the Center's efforts, coordinated as they are with those of other NGOs, can contribute much in this direction. We therefore encourage you to continue in your endeavors and welcome your staying in close touch to share ideas and to keep us informed of the progress you are making.

Sincerely,



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