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COMMENTS:

Jane--For your reference, please find attached a copy of Congressman Skelton's letter to the President regarding fast track.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. I look forward to talking to you. LARA BATTLES

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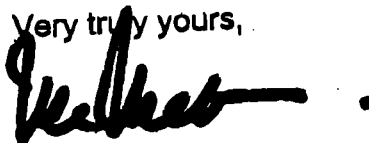
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

Three questions arise from your recent South American trip which need clarification in terms of the Fast Track legislation for me. They are as follows:

1. Why were bilateral treaties on double taxation and investment protection not signed in Venezuela, when that country has already signed such treaties with other nations, including Britain, Spain, and even Cuba? How come you did not press hard to overcome the Venezuelan political opposition to U.S. investment there?
2. Is your Administration considering trading off agricultural products for intellectual property products in Brazil, whereby more citrus, sugar and other agri-products will come into the U.S. market in return for WTO intellectual property standards being recognized for U.S. exports to Brazil? If that's the case, can you explain the trade volumes and dollars which would result and who would benefit? I think it is clearly not in the U.S. interest.
3. How many Latin American nations do you plan to offer non-NATO ally status to, as you offered to Argentina, and what trade benefits does the U.S. gain by making such an offer?

Very truly yours,

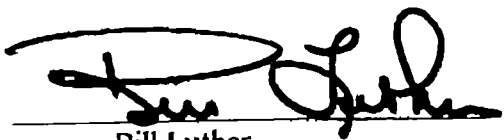


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Thank you for your outstanding leadership as the President of our country. We deeply appreciate it, and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

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