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Dear Governor:

I am writing you on behalf of the Oregon Seed Trade Association, requesting your assistance during your official visit early in September to Japan.

Please find enclosed a copy of a resolution passed by the Oregon Seed Trade Association; also passed by the Pacific Seedsmens Association; and forwarded to the American Seed Trade Association (A.S.T.A.).

The A.S.T.A. Phytosanitary Committee recently concluded a meeting in Washington, D.C. with U.S. Department of Agriculture and APHIS The Phytosanitary section of the U.S.D.A. The O.S.T.A. resolution was discussed and was considered to be the most worthwhile proposal. APHIS advised they would present this proposal to their Japanese counterparts at their next meeting (which we understand is also in September).

Therefore, Governor, the O.S.T.A. respectfully request, you bring this matter before the appropriate Japanese agency officials and request their support of this proposal during your meeting with them.

The O.S.T.A. has also requested as an alternative to the pretest method of Quarantine Inspection, as covered by the resolution, the Japanese government station a permanent Quarantine Inspector in Oregon, who could sample and approve or disapprove prior to shipment for Japanese quarantine requirements.

We are therefore offering two proposals; one pretest seed officially sampled as covered by the resolution or a Japanese Quarantine Inspector stationed in Oregon. Either method would alleviate most of the problems now in effect on seed shipments to Japan.

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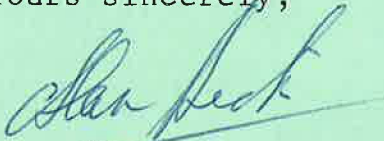
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We wish you a successful trip on behalf of the Oregon economy and will look forward on your return to hopefully a favorable report, that our Japanese friends are willing to accede to one of our suggested alternatives.

We know that you are aware of the economic value of seed in the Willamette Valley and how poor the present seed economy is, which is proving very serious to both seed growers and seedsmen alike. Prices on most seeds are below the cost of production.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman, O.S.T.A. International
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Enclosure

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