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RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS FOR MACHINE TOOLS, AND
URGES THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND JAPAN
NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL LICENSES

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STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH
GOVERNOR

COLUMBUS 43266-0601

March 30, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Although I was very pleased with your decision to extend voluntary restraint agreements for machine tools, I am concerned that recent developments may have the effect of weakening substantially the potential benefits this decision would have for U.S. industry.

In particular, it is my understanding that U.S. negotiators are proposing to grant one small importer of Taiwanese machines, the Hurco Corporation, special licenses to import as many as three times more machines than the numerical ceiling being considered for Taiwan. Granting these licenses would strip away much of the potential benefit U.S. industry would receive from the two-year VRA extension.

Mr. President, the future of the U.S. machine tool industry, which is vital to our national security, and 70,000 American jobs will be affected directly by a decision to grant these special licenses. I respectfully urge you to direct your negotiators not to grant any special licenses and to seek rapid conclusion of negotiations with Japan and Taiwan consistent with the intent of your December 27 decision to extend the VRAs.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
Governor

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 28, 1992

Honorable George V. Voinovich
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0601

Dear Governor Voinovich:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush regarding the granting of special licenses to the Hurco Corporation for importing components from Taiwan. As the Commerce Department has responsibility for this issue, your letter was referred to me for reply.

We concluded the elements of a good agreement with Japan on April 27, and our talks continue with Taiwan. In those talks, we will continue to work for a resolution which meets our security interests. We greatly appreciate your support.

We fully understand your concerns with regard to special licenses for Hurco Corporation and the machine tool voluntary restraint agreement (VRA) currently being negotiated with Taiwan. When a VRA with Taiwan is concluded, we will be able to consider issuing special licenses and will do so using the same criteria applied under the old agreement with Taiwan. Without that agreement, however, we cannot issue special licenses. When we can issue them, Hurco will receive full consideration, taking into account the effects on all parties involved, including U.S. machine tool builders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Hackman Franklin".

Barbara Hackman Franklin

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1992

Dear Governor Voinovich:

On behalf of President Bush, I want to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the decision to extend voluntary restraint agreements for machine tools.

I appreciate your sharing your views and concerns with the President on this issue. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Department of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative so that they will know of your concerns as well. I have also asked that they follow up directly with you.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with the Administration. As always, please let me know when we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



David J. Beightol
Special Assistant to the President for
Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
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