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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO OPPOSE THE APPLICATION
BY HURCO, AN INDIANA FIRM, FOR SPECIAL ISSUE
PERMITS TO IMPORT COMPONENTS OF ITS MACHINE
TOOLS FROM TAIWAN DESPITE A VRA WITH TAIWAN

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TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor
State of Wisconsin

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September 28, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Giddings & Lewis, the largest industrial automation firm in North America is based in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Therefore, machine tool industry jobs are very important to Wisconsin. I was recently made aware of a trade issue which could jeopardize jobs in the U.S. machine tool industry which I thought should be brought to your attention.

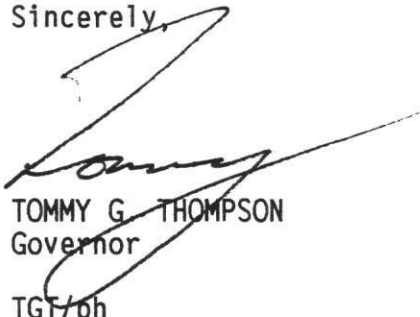
I understand that HURCO, an Indiana firm, has applied for a large number of special issue permits so that it may continue to import most of the components of its machine tools from Taiwan despite a Voluntary Restraint Agreement (VRA) with Taiwan which limits those imports. Although the original petition was denied by the Commerce Department, I have been informed that some Administration officials may be reconsidering that decision.

I strongly urge you to be sure that the original decision stands.

There is simply no justification for granting the special issue licenses. HURCO has had ample time to source its components in the United States. In fact, Giddings & Lewis has its own foundry and is a potential source of the castings which HURCO imports from Taiwan. To reverse the original decision and allow these licenses would undermine the value of the VRA's.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor
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