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Mr. D. Malwele
Committee on Agriculture and Lands
National Assembly
Parliament Building
P O Box 31299
LUSAKA

Dear Sir,

Re: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LANDS

Your letter dated 16 March, 2007 Ref. NAS/11/21/2 Conf refers.

The Food Security Research Project (FSRP) acknowledges receipt of your request for information to assist the Committee of Agriculture and Lands undertake its study on Agricultural Marketing and Finance Systems in Zambia.

The Project has assembled and analyzed empirical evidence on related aspects of your study that will enable you to better understand how agriculture marketing and financial systems work in Zambia. In November, 2006, FSRP, in conjunction with Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative and Agricultural Consultative Forum, the Project organized a policy dialogue whose focus was “*Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities for Continued Poverty Alleviation and Growth in the Agricultural Sector in Zambia*”. We believe your committee will benefit from reviewing a publication of the proceedings of this meeting which had representatives from all MACO departments, Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry, FRA and Agricultural Donors. Copies of this report have been provided.

Within this proceedings report, we would like to draw your attention specifically to “*Session III Marketing and Trade*” where summaries of the presentations and the ensuing discussions are reported. We have also attached copies of the specific power point presentations on maize marketing and the agricultural credit made in this session so that your committee can review these as part of your deliberations. To bolster the committee’s understanding on maize marketing, a draft report and a draft policy brief on “*Smallholder Household Maize Production and marketing Behaviour in Zambia*” has also been provided.

In addition, copies of other relevant documents the project has developed which relate to your work have been made available to you. The agricultural trends report will give you an assessment of how the agricultural sector has performed. Research work on the cotton industry will provide insights on agricultural finance and input supply with this industry. Copies of a short draft policy synthesis on “*Urgent Need for Effective Public-Private Coordination in Zambia’s Cotton Sector: Deliberations on the Cotton Act*” that documents work in progress to

assist stakeholders and MACO deliberate on needed revisions to the Cotton Act are also included.

Finally, a list of other documents that you may refer to has been attached to this letter. These documents are available on the internet. The Project's URL address is shown on the letterhead. Soon, the draft documents we shared with you will be finalized and they will be available as well. If the committee has questions about any of these items, the Project will gladly respond with additional information, and/or we can make additional copies of any of these items available. If it would be helpful to your deliberations the Project could also be available for discussion of any of the above items, and to answer questions that may arise in reviewing the summary of deliberations at Fringilla.

FSRP is also willing to appear before the Committee for an oral submission once the date, time and venue is communicated to us.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Jones Govereh
Acting In-Country Project Coordinator

List of Selected FSRP Applied Research and Outreach Materials - April 4, 2007

<http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/zambia/index.htm>

MACO/FSRP/MATEP Policy Dialogue. "Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities for Continued Poverty Alleviation and Growth in the Agricultural Sector in Zambia". 27-29 November 2006. Fringilla Lodge, Lusaka.

- [Proceeding of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the Food Security Research Project Policy Dialogue: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities for Continued Poverty Alleviation and Growth in the Agricultural Sector in Zambia](#). Held at Fringilla Lodge, Lusaka, Zambia on 27-29th November, 2006.
 - [Agenda](#)
 - [The COMESA CAADP Priority Countries: Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia](#). Ambassador N. L. Hussainy – COMESA
 - [Agricultural Growth and Poverty Trends in Zambia: Key Findings](#). Jones Govereh and FSRP colleagues.
 - [Objectives and Volume of Public Investments in Zambia's Agriculture](#). Julius Shawa, Jones Govereh, Steven Haggblade, and Emma Malawo.
 - [Composition of Zambian Public Spending on Agriculture](#). Jones Govereh, Steven Haggblade, Emma Malawo and Julius Shawa.
 - [Proposed Agricultural Marketing Act \(AMA\) Concept – Update Notes](#). Green Mbozi.
 - [Agricultural Credit Act Amendment Process – Update Notes](#). Green Mbozi.
 - [Making Maize Markets Work for Zambian Small Farmers, Traders & Consumers](#). FSRP/MATEP Research/Outreach Team.
 - [Regional Maize Trade: Implications for Food Security & Agricultural Growth](#). Mupelwa Sichilima.

FSRP Zambia Policy Briefs:

- [Returns to Investment in Agriculture](#). Steven Haggblade. Number 19. January 2007.
- Joint with SAKSS-SA Trends in Agricultural and Poverty Indicators in Zambia. J. Govereh, T. Jayne, N. Mason and A. Chapoto. SAKSS Policy Brief. Issue 1. 2006
- [Trends in Breakfast Meal and Maize Marketing Margins in Zambia](#). Antony Chapoto and T.S Jayne. Number 14. August 2006.
- [An Assessment of Current Policy Initiatives in Zambia's Cotton Sector](#). Ballard Zulu and David Tschirley. Number 9. 2004.

FSRP Zambia Papers:

- [Raising the Productivity of Public Investments in Zambia's Agricultural Sector](#). J. Govereh, J.J. Shawa, E. Malawo, and T.S. Jayne. Working Paper No. 20. Food Security Research Project. Lusaka, Zambia. December 2006.

MSU Policy Brief drawing on Zambia and other African country data:

- [Smallholder Farming Under Increasingly Difficult Circumstances: Policy and Public Investment Priorities for Africa](#) by T.S. Jayne, D. Mather, and E. Mghenyi. Number 81, December 2006.