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PRESIDENTIAL
STATEMENT

Office of the Press Secretary

FOR RELEASE AT 4:00 P.M.

April 24, 1981

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am today lifting the U.S. limitation on additional agricultural sales to the Soviet Union as I promised to do during last year's Presidential campaign. My Administration has made a full and complete study of this sales limitation, and I reached my decision after weighing all options carefully and conferring fully with my advisers, including members of the Cabinet and the National Security Council. We have also been consulting with our allies on this matter.

As a Presidential candidate, I indicated my opposition to the curb on sales because American farmers had been unfairly singled out to bear the burden of this ineffective national policy. I also pledged that when elected President I would "fully assess our national security, foreign policy and agricultural needs to determine how best to terminate the decision made by my predecessor.

This assessment began as soon as I entered office and has continued until now. In the first few weeks of my Presidency, I decided that an immediate lifting of the sales limitation could be misinterpreted by the Soviet Union. I therefore felt that my decision should be made only when it was clear that the Soviets and other nations would not mistakenly think it indicated a weakening of our position.

I have determined that our position now cannot be mistaken: The United States, along with the vast majority of nations has condemned and remains opposed to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and other aggressive acts around the world. We will react strongly to acts of aggression wherever they take place. There will never be a weakening of this resolve.

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MEMORANDUM TO
AGRICULTURE/ COMMERCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR RELEASE AT 4:00 pm EST

APRIL 24, 1981

The attached memoranda to the Secretaries of
Agriculture and Commerce are embargoed until 4:00 pm.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

I hereby direct that you, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other appropriate officials, immediately terminate the current restrictions on the export of agricultural commodities and products to the Soviet Union imposed under authority of the Export Administration Act pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum to the Secretary of Commerce of January 7, 1980. I also direct that you terminate restrictions imposed on the export of phosphate rock and related commodities by virtue of the regulations of the Department of Commerce published on February 7, 1980.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

I have today directed the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with you and other appropriate officials, to immediately terminate the current restrictions on the export of agricultural commodities and products to the Soviet Union imposed under authority of the Export Administration Act pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum to the Secretary of Commerce of January 7, 1980. I have also directed that the restrictions be terminated which were imposed on the export of phosphate rock and related commodities by virtue of the regulations of the Department of Commerce published on February 7, 1980.

Ronald Reagan