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Sincerely,

August P. Hau.

Attachment 4

February 9, 2000.

August P. Hau, Hau Nutrition Service,
Hartford, WI 53027.

Re: Comment on Proposed Final Judgment in
United States v. Fiat S.p.A. et al. (D.D.C.
filed Nov. 4, 1999).

Dear Mr. Hau:

This letter responds to your November 30, 1999 letter commenting on the proposed Final Judgment in *United States v. Fiat S.p.A. et al.* (D.D.C. filed Nov. 4, 1999), which is currently pending in federal district court in the District of Columbia. The Complaint filed by the United States alleges that the proper acquisition of Case Corporation ("Case") by Fiat S.p.A. ("Fiat") would result in a substantial lessening of competition in the manufacture and sale of two-wheel drive ("2WD") tractors, four-wheel-drive ("4WD") tractors, and several types of hay and foraging equipment. The proposed Final Judgment would settle the case by requiring the divestiture of New Holland's 2WD and 4WD tractor lines and the sale of Case's interest in Hay and Forage Industries ("HFI"), a joint venture engaged in the manufacture of hay and forage equipment.

In your letter, you express concern that Fiat's acquisition of Case will harm consumers of farm equipment. Specifically, your letter states that: "If two companies merge to become the largest company in their industry, isn't it clearly monopolistic and usually negative for workers and consumers alike?" Your letter also expresses concern that "Case and IH [International Harvester]" and "Ford and New Holland should not have been allowed to merge" in previous transactions.

Although the United States agrees that Fiat's acquisition of Case—if allowed to proceed without the required divestitures—would harm farmers who purchase tractors and hay and forage equipment, the proposed Final Judgment does not simply allow Fiat and Case to merge their agricultural equipment business. The United States strongly believes the divestitures required by the proposed Final Judgment will alleviate the competitive concerns alleged in the Complaint and preserve competition in the manufacture and sale of 2WD tractors, 4WD tractors, and hay and forage equipment. Finally, the United States assures you that it thoroughly investigated the mergers of Case/IH and Ford/New Holland and took appropriate enforcement action.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. I trust you appreciate that we have given them due consideration, and hope

this response will help alleviate them. Pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16(d), a copy of your comment and this response will be published in the Federal Register and filed with the Court.

Sincerely yours,

J. Robert Kramer II,

Chief, Litigation II Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,579; TA-W-35,579A]

Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation Headquartered in Woodlands, TX, Operating Throughout the State of Texas; Mitchell Louisiana Gas Services L.P. and Operating Throughout the State of Louisiana; Notice of Investigation Regarding Termination of Certification of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Following a Department of Labor investigation under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 and in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, on March 24, 1999, the Department of Labor issued a certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance applicable to workers and former workers of Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation in the State of Texas, TA-W-35,579, and Mitchell Louisiana Gas Services L.P. in the State of Louisiana, TA-W-35,579A. The notice of certification was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1999 (64 FR 27811).

Pursuant to Section 223(d) of the Act and 29 CFR 90.17(a), the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance has instituted an investigation to determine whether the total or partial separations of the certified workers in Texas (TA-W-35,579) and Louisiana (TA-W-35,579A) continued to be attributable to the conditions specified in Section 222 of the Act and 29 CFR 90.16(b) in the Departmental regulations.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.17(b) the group of workers or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing or may make written submissions to show why

the certification should not be terminated, provided that such request or submission is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below no later than March 6, 2000.

The record of certification (TA-W-35,579 and TA-W-35,579A) containing non-confidential information is available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room C-4318, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 9th day of February 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (P.L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance (DTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of P.L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because

of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Director of DTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, D.C. provided such request

if filed in writing with the Director of DTAA not later than March 6, 2000.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Director of DTAA at the address shown below not later than March 6, 2000.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of

the Director, DTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of February, 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

Subject firm and location	Date received at Governor's Office	Petition No.	Articles produced
Victor Equipment (Co.), Denton, TX	01/28/2000	NAFTA-3,689	Gas apparatus.
Victor Equipment (Co.), Abilene, TX	01/28/2000	NAFTA-3,689	Gas apparatus.
Tweco Products (Co.), Wichita, KS	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,690	Welding accessories.
S. Bent and Brothers (IUE), Gardner, MA	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,691	Wooden chairs, tables and case pieces.
Western Moulding (Co.), Snowflake, AZ	01/28/2000	NAFTA-3692	Wood mouldings.
Lower Umpqua Federal Credit Union (Co.), Reedsport, OR	01/27/2000	NAFTA-3,693	Credit union.
Noblesville Casting Division (UAW), Noblesville, IN	01/13/2000	NAFTA-3,694	Jobbing foundry.
White Consolidated Industries (IAMAW), Bloomington, IL	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,695	Vacuum cleaner parts.
North Carolina Embroidery (Co.), High Point, NC	01/23/2000	NAFTA-3,696	Contract embroidery.
O'Bryan Brothers (Wkrs), Richland Center, WI	01/12/2000	NAFTA-3,697	Women's underwear and day wear.
Jantzen-Nordic Group (Wkrs), Vancouver, WA	01/28/2000	NAFTA-3,698	Swimwear and garment.
Griffin Pipe Products (Co.), Lynchburg, Va	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,699	Fittings for ductile iron pressure pipe.
Standard Candy (Wkrs), Nashville, TN	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,700	Hard candy.
Monterey (UNITE), Janesville, WI	01/28/2000	NAFTA-3,701	Fabric and coats.
Shelby Yarn (Co.), Shelby, NC	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,702	Yarn.
Humpty Dumpty Potato Chips (Co.), Scarborough, ME	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,703	Potato chips.
Linden Apparel (Wkrs), Allenton, PA	01/31/2000	NAFTA-3,704	Knit golfshirts, polo shirts.
Thaw Corporation—Snow Creek (Co.), Wenatchee, WA	02/03/2000	NAFTA-3,705	Recreational garments.
Danskin (Wkrs), York, PA	02/02/2000	NAFTA-3,706	Women's apparel.
Custom Packaging Systems (Co.), Manistee, MI	01/19/2000	NAFTA-3,707	Polyethylene bulk bags & liner.
Wheat Montana Farms and Bakery (Wkrs), Three Forks, MT	02/03/2000	NAFTA-3,708	Flour, wheat and grains.
Boyt Harness Company (Wkrs), Arlington, SD	02/01/2000	NAFTA-3,709	Hunting pants.
U.S. Leather (IBT), Milwaukee, WI	02/04/2000	NAFTA-3,710	Shoes, boots, belts, patches.
Cadillac Curtain (Co.), Dyer, TN	02/07/2000	NAFTA-3,711	Kitchen curtains.
Medtronic Perfusion Systems (Wkrs), Minneapolis, MN	02/08/2000	NAFTA-3,712	Custom tubing pack.
Wolverine Tube (Wkrs), Roxboro, NC	02/07/2000	NAFTA-3,713	Copper tubes.
Eastman Kodak (Co.), Rochester, NY	01/20/2000	NAFTA-3,714	Document retrieval.
G and M Cutting Room Service (UNITE), El Paso, TX	02/08/2000	NAFTA-3,715	Cut pants and shirts.
Wharton Knitting Mills (Wkrs), Ridgewood, NY	01/26/2000	NAFTA-3,716	Men and women sweaters.
Mitec Wireless (Co.), Tinton Fall, NJ	02/09/2000	NAFTA-3,717	Radio frequency amplifiers.
Oneida Limited (Wkrs), Sherrly, NY	02/11/2000	NAFTA-3,718	Brass products.
Burlington Industries Transportation (Wkrs), Belmont, NC	02/11/2000	NAFTA-3,719	Fabric and carpet.
Ikeda Interior Systems (Wkrs), Sidney, OH	02/10/2000	NAFTA-3,720	Sewing and cutting.
Rockwell Automation (IUE), Euclide, OH	02/10/2000	NAFTA-3,721	Control cabinets.
ITT Jabsco (IBT), Springfield, OH	02/10/2000	NAFTA-3,722	Marine products.
Lees Curtain (Wkrs), Mansfield, MO	02/09/2000	NAFTA-3,723	Curtains.
KeyBank USA (Wkrs), Albany, NY	02/04/2000	NAFTA-3,724	Collection of delinquent loans.
Ochoco Lumber—Malheur Lumber (Wkrs), John Day, OR	02/08/2000	NAFTA-3,725	Finished lumber.
Trico Products (Wkrs), Lawrenceburg, TN	02/07/2000	NAFTA-3,726	Windshield wiper blades.
Johnstown Knitting Mill (Co.), Johnstown, NY	02/08/2000	NAFTA-3,727	Activewear and knitwear.
Sullivan Die Casting (Wkrs), Kenilworth, NJ	02/14/2000	NAFTA-3,728	Auto mirror casting, sunroof casting.
America Sewn Product (Wkrs), Bremerton, WA	02/10/2000	NAFTA-3,729	Customise bags.
Tibergon (Co.), Redmond, OR	02/14/2000	NAFTA-3,730	Flat jambs, split jambs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment Standards
Administration, Wage and Hour
Division****Minimum Wages for Federal and
Federally Assisted Construction;
General Wage Determination;
Decisions**

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from

their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

**New General Wage Determination
Decision**

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" are listed by Volume and States:

Volume V

Louisiana
LA000048 (Feb. 25, 2000)

**Modifications to General Wage
Determination Decisions**

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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NJ000001 (Feb. 11, 2000)

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