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RE: FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN BRAZILIAN LIVESTOCK - HORMEL'S CORNED BEEF IN CAN.

Dear Sir or Ms'am:

As a prisoner at the United States Penitentiary Leavenworth and resident of Minnesota, born and raised in St. Paul, I am requesting that you RESPOND to the following facts regarding foot-and-mouth disease in Brazilian livestock and your "CORNED BEEF" in the 12 ounce can, that is a product of Brazil under Brazilian Government Inspection, C.N.P.J.M.F. No. 01.597.168/0013-22, EST. 337. See, **EXHIBIT A** (Xerox copy of Hormel Corned Beef, Product of Brazil, Net Weight 12 Ounce Label from can):

1. On or about February 6 thru 12, 2001, one of the National Public Radio programs, I believe "As It Happens," spoke of CANADA BANNING BRAZILIAN BEEF IN THE CAN due to "FOOT-AND-MOUTH" disease. The reporter stated that Brazil has imported live cattle from Europe until 1999 and that government officials in CANADA have been requesting BRAZILIAN government officials for information as to how many cattle were infected with "FOOT-AND-MOUTH" for over two (2) years to no avail. I believe two or three official requests were made by the Canadian government to the Brazilian government. I believe the reporter was interviewing a Canadian government official that was directly involved with the banning of Brazilian Beef in the can.
2. On or about March 16, 2001, National Public Radio reported that "FOOT-AND-MOUTH" disease is widespread within the cows, pigs, goats, sheep and other hoofed animals within BRAZIL. The reporter interviewed Brazilians and they stated that Brazilians were not concerned, as they think "FOOT-AND-MOUTH" is an economic problem not a health problem. The report further stated that the United States has banned Brazilian fresh meat.
3. On April 25, 2001, USA TODAY, Wednesday, page 6D, offered a short article entitled, "HUMAN FOOT-AND-MOUTH SUSPECTED." "[B]ritish officials said Tuesday that a slaughterer who may have the country's first human case of foot-and-mouth disease in decades accidentally swallowed fluid from a decomposing cow carcass. . . . Scientists note that foot-and-mouth only rarely affects humans and is not considered dangerous. . . ." See, **EXHIBIT B**.

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Lambros' letter to HORMEL FOODS CORP.

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4. On April 26, 2001, USA TODAY, Page 7D, offered a short article entitled, "FOOT-AND-MOUTH TEST RESULTS AWAITED." "[T]est results are not expected until early next week on three people suspected of having contracted foot-and-mouth disease, British health officials said Wednesday. . . . The illness rarely infects humans, and when it does, results only in mild illness, including FEVER, SORE THROAT and BLISTERS ON HANDS, FEET OR TONGUE, says Lyle Vogel, director of science for the American Veterinary Medical Association. . . ." See, EXHIBIT C.

5. If CANADA has banned BRAZILIAN BEEF in the can, why does HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION think it is safe to sell BRAZILIAN BEEF in the can in the United States?

6. What documents do you have from the BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT stating that "FOOT-AND-MOUTH" disease does not exist in Brazil?

7. Is it true that Brazil, as a standard practice, vaccinate livestock against "FOOT-AND-MOUTH"?

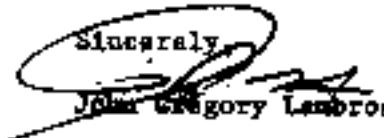
8. What is the name and manufacture of the vaccine injected into BRAZILIAN livestock to prevent "FOOT-AND-MOUTH"?

This letter will be posted throughout the United States Penitentiary Leavenworth as HORMEL'S CORNED BEEF in the can is sold within the commissary. Also I will be posting this letter within the BOYCOTT BRAZIL web site: *

www.brazilboycott.org

Thanking you in advance for your prompt response and be assured your response will be posted within the BOYCOTT BRAZIL web site.

Sincerely,


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