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To: The Honorable Judge Paul L. Friedman

PAUL L. FRIEDMAN  
United States District Judge

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Our names are George & Patricia Peldsgardt from Leavenworth, Kansas. We are Black Farmers from Leavenworth County, Kansas, and have filed our discrimination complaint against the USDA and we are listed on the Cecil Brewington Class Action List. We have a copy of the Consent Decree that you signed, and have some concerns about the way it is worded. First off, the Brewington List has a cut off date of July 7, 1998, but the Consent Decree has a cut off date of July 1, 1997, and we would like to know why is the difference between the cut off dates. Secondly, our concerns about waiving our rights about forever filing and having any claims against the USDA before we know whether or not we qualify for relief from the USDA. We also think that Class Members that go under Tract A, should have something telling them how much or how many pieces of evidence that we have to have, to qualify for relief under Tract A. We would like to qualify for Tract A, but would to know how much material we need to qualify.

We feel that many Farmers will not  
quickly read, Tract A, the way it is  
written in the Consent Decree. I myself,  
George Hildebrandt, was there at the  
hearing on October 13, 1998 in Washington  
D.C. in your Court Room and I listened  
to every word that you said and it  
seems that our Attorneys and the  
USDA did not follow your instructions.  
Hope you can answer some of these  
questions and we would like a response  
back if possible.

Thank you very much for listening to  
us.

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