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THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Todd Tiaht
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Tiaht:

I am responding to your letter of August 1, 2002, concerning the treatment of Harvey County, Kansas under the Office of Management and Budget's Standards for Defining Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Although Harvey County does not meet the standards for inclusion, we will continue to abide by the 1986 "Dole Amendment" in defining the Wichita area under the revised standards. Thus, when OMB announces the definitions of all statistical areas in mid-2003, Harvey County will be included in the Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Thank you for your interest in this matter, and for taking the time to communicate your views.

Sincerely,

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director