I. Hypothetical discovery

Since 1990, the author has published a book ‘Sustainable Development in Asia, America and Europe with Global Applications: A New Approach to Land Ownership’ (three chapters on theories, one on Japan, two on China, one on the other Asian economies, two on the USA, one on Europe, and one on principles of a new model and possible applications) by Edward Elgar Publishing 2001, 552 pp. 763 references, four articles by FAO, and written papers (extending to Africa and Latin America) accepted by 31 international conferences on agricultural economics. A recent paper in June 2006 is at (http://faculty.washington.edu/karyiu/confer/beijing06/papers/zhou.pdf). These works were the first to have discovered that, after the first land reform - land ownership reform to distribute land of large owners to peasants with no or little land, the irrational and polyopolistic land use by able-bodied part-time and absent small farmers earning higher off-farm income but unwilling to lease their under-producing land beyond family consumption need to full-time farmers (due to low rents, avoidance of misuse by tenants, jealousy in preventing neighbors from prospering, and hobby use), has been a global obstacle with both public and private land ownership, traditional and modern agriculture, fragmented small and consolidatorily enlarged land, low and high income economies, food under-self-sufficiency and overproduction, and developing and developed countries,
albeit land property rights have been well defined and sale/lease allowed, harming agriculture, rural development, income distribution, government expenditure, competition, trade, environment, etc. (Polyopoly is invented by the author to denote the control of resources by many sellers compared with monopoly and oligopoly). It has increasingly become the most fundamental microeconomic root of the three persisting global macroeconomic problems: under-self-sufficiency in numerous developing and some developed countries, overproduction, and agricultural protectionism in various developed nations (mainly a coupling between subsidies and production, higher decoupled direct subsidy, price supports, export aids, and import restrictions). Many governments and international organizations have exercised measures to promote agricultural and rural development (early retirement, young farmers, training, infrastructure, irrigation, land consolidation, fine seeds, better quality, higher yields, localized production, small and large machinery, organic farming, anti-pollution, credits, contract farming, information, market access, off-farm activities, etc.), but overlooked that the rational and competitive land use is the basis without which other measures would not function well (if at all).

In particular, in Western Europe, under private land ownership, at the under-self-sufficiency stage, this obstacle has been effectively resolved by (I) a law to oblige landowners to either use their land or lease it to other farmers for sufficient production: in Germany 31 March 1915, UK 6 August 1947, Norway 18 March 1955, 25 June 1965, and 31 May 1974, and Denmark 17 July 1989; (II) a law to give right to other farmers to produce sufficiently on any under-producing land (i.e., less than 40% of the normal output): in the EU Council Regulations 1963/262, 1967/531 and 1963/261, Italy 4 August 1978, and Switzerland from the Middle Ages that any farmer can bring his cattle to graze in the private pastures of the Alps. (A land waste tax is less effective, see the author’s conference paper.) Such legislation is still implemented in Norway due to its being unable to achieve basic self-sufficiency in cereals under the cold weather, but ceased application in the EU and Switzerland owing to a fundamental dilemma at the overproduction stage: if landowners were still obliged to either use their land or lease it out for sufficient production, there would be overproduction; if not, much land would be used inefficiently, then how to make full-time farmers achieve economies of scale, reduce costs, become viable and compete with other countries with larger farm size and lower costs, enjoy a high living standard as that of part-time and absent farmers, and keep national basic self-sufficiency (at least) in cereals or food sovereignty? With no solution, the EU (and Japan, Taiwan Province of China, South Korea, Switzerland, etc.) has implemented protectionism, which has harmed its farmers’ competitiveness, its consumers and taxpayers and the developing countries; it has paid farmers to set aside a part of the highly productive land on a quasi-compulsory basis to reduce overproduction of cereals, but the lowly productive land only on a voluntary basis, without distinguishing them by their environmental sensitivities; while budget became unbearable, among other problems.

In the EU, in the southern hilly areas and CEE (Central-Eastern Europe) accession countries, the irrational and polyopolistic land use by able-bodied part-time and absent small farmers is apparent. In the plane areas of the EU-15, it has been concealed by the protectionism which could guarantee the high income of the tenants to be able to pay
high rents to the landowners to lease land out. Following the phasing out of the protectionism, tenants would no longer receive such guarantee, and landowners would refuse to lease land out at low rents. Thus after the gradual decoupling since 1992, the ‘Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy of Agenda 2000’ of 10 July 2002 proposed a complete decoupling, while also predicting consequent ‘abandonment of land’ as the decoupled subsidy is to the real operator (owner or tenant) but permits the recipient to produce zero as long as he keeps land on a good environmental condition without erosion (which could be easily fulfilled by planting trees and grasses), so that many able-bodied landowners may spend most time on earning higher off-farm income without leasing land out to avoid the decoupled subsidy from going to the tenant. With no solution, on 26 June 2003, the EU retreated to allow keeping the coupling just ‘to avoid abandonment of production’. In 2004, a few Member States (France, etc.) have chosen to keep the coupling, while others (Italy, etc.) complete decoupling. In 2005, the Tuscan and Umbria Regions of Italy have immediately suffered a large production decrease as many farmers just planted sunflowers and let them die in the fields so as to be entitled to the decoupled subsidy. Once protectionism has been further phased out, refusal of leasing land out at low rents and irrational production abandonment would be more grave and the EU would lose agriculture substantially.

The irrational and polyopolistic land use by able-bodied part-time and absent small farmers and irrational production abandonment have also happened in New Zealand, Australia, the USA and Canada, and the governments want to help full-time small farmers to get more land, but they do not have the worry of losing basic self-sufficiency in cereals because the earlier immigrants had formed the largest farms with very low costs which could easily feed their small populations. Thus protectionism is generally not implemented in New Zealand and Australia; its root in the USA is political as farmers want more income and politicians need more votes, so that it would be relatively easier to solve; Canada is similar to the USA. Other nations (as large as China and the EU, as small as Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, and numerous developing countries) do worry about this economic, political and strategic problem. Only China has exercised effective and appropriate solutions to this microeconomic root and reached/kept basic self-sufficiency in cereals, prevented overproduction and improved the environment without protectionism during 1980s-90s under public land ownership. But since 2001, it has deviated from this correct mechanism towards protectionism by raising decoupled direct subsidy near the WTO standard.

II. Possible invention

These works have proposed effective and appropriate solutions for both developing and developed countries at both under-self-sufficiency and overproduction stages, without affecting private land ownership, to simultaneously minimize/abolish/prevent protectionism, while avoiding overproduction and irrational production abandonment; boost competitive full-time large farmers, whereas not squeezing part-time and absent small farmers from agriculture; reach/maintain basic self-sufficiency in cereals, meanwhile promoting multi-functionality of other agricultural and rural sectors and improving the environment. The author’s main Proposals are as follows.
(I) Give full-time farmers access to the under-producing land beyond family consumption need of the part-time and absent farmers, by creating a Dual Land System (where the farm is larger than for family consumption). A landowner may keep a part of his land as land for family consumption (as an economic buffer without relying on buying food in the market, also for practicing his farming skills as a technological buffer and returning to agriculture once lost off-farm jobs as a social buffer) even if he does not produce sufficiently on it. The rest of the land is land for market. If nobody would like to lease it in, the landowner may keep it even without sufficient production, so that overproduction could be prevented. But if other farmers, without being forced by anyone, merely out of their own economic considerations, would like to lease it in so as to achieve economies of scale, reduce costs and become viable or more competitive, the owner could not refuse even at low rents, so that irrational production abandonment could also be avoided. The minimum lease term should be determined according to the local conditions and the nature of the crops. Having rented in contiguous parcels of different owners, the tenant would have the right to remove the boundaries and join parcels together to eliminate fragmentation (which is also a difficult and unsolved task under private land ownership), with the original boundaries recorded in the cadastre and a map and shown by field signs. Once the leasing contract is over, the owner has the right to withdraw the land. But if he does not produce sufficiently for maximally one year, while other farmers wish to lease it in for so doing, he could not decline. If afforded, the state may provide a minimum living standard welfare to every rural (and urban) resident who would have to compete in the market to earn more; and a decoupled direct subsidy to the real land operator (owner or tenant). The state should set up a ceiling of chemical fertilizer, pesticide and herbicide per ha and inspect its application.

(II) Convert the environmentally sensitive land back to the nature forever once a country has encountered constant overproduction. The EU (and some other developed countries) regards the highly productive land as the cause for overproduction and has set aside a part of it from cereal production on a quasi-compulsory basis, while setting aside the lowly productive land only on a voluntary basis. But the author finds that the true cause is protectionism without which farmers would have no incentive to overproduce even if much highly productive land is available for farming. Thus the EU should phase out protectionism, and make the non-environmentally sensitive land (no matter whether highly or lowly productive) available for full-time farmers to achieve economies of scale, while converting the environmentally sensitive land (both highly and lowly productive) permanently back to the nature (forests, lake land, grass land and wet land) beyond set-aside which is only temporary. Its landowners should not produce cereals, but could still pursue production of fruits, vegetables, livestock, fishery, afforestation, processing of agricultural products, transportation, rural tourism and other off-farm activities. Hence full-time large farmers could be further strengthened, overproduction of cereals reduced, multi-functionality of other agricultural and rural sectors promoted, and the environment improved.

Though these Proposals are principles which should be adapted to local conditions, it would be universally appropriate to give full-time farmers access to the under-producing land beyond family consumption need of the part-time and absent farmers, and convert
the environmentally sensitive land back to the nature forever once a country has encountered constant overproduction. These Proposals have been published in his book (Zhou 2001: pp. 165-6 ‘the principles of the new model’, p. 398 second paragraph) and elaborated in his papers accepted by 14 conferences, nine seminars and a press conference in Asia, Europe, Latin America during November 2001 – June 2006 (see Appendix I, II, III and IV), hence launching a global second land reform - land use reform.

III. Likely improvement

These works created solutions to both promoting large farmers and keeping small farmers in agriculture under private land ownership, which is also an unsolved dilemma in many developed and developing countries. Now that the above-mentioned Western European laws have been successful for overcoming food under-self-sufficiency, why could not they be popularized to many other countries still at that stage? One of the reasons is that they oblige landowners to lease out all their inefficiently used land, so that part-time and absent landowners would not be able to produce for their family consumption and keep farming skills; and once lost off-farm jobs, would either have no access to their land rented out, or have to withdraw it within the contractual period (because many developing countries still cannot afford to provide them with a minimum living standard welfare), hence affecting the lessees. In contrast, under the Dual Land System, the land for family consumption is still held by the part-time and absent landowners so that their family need for vegetables and cereals could be catered, farming skills kept, and small farmers not crowded out of agriculture; while the land for market is leased competitively to the full-time farmers, so that they could achieve economies of scale, reduce costs, be viable or more competitive and obtain incentives for longer term investment. Thus these Proposals would be suitable for both promoting large farmers and keeping small farmers in both developing and developed countries.

IV. Theoretical rectification

These works were the first to have systematically challenged the assertions of Theodore W. Schultz in his 1964 book ‘Transforming Traditional Agriculture’ which won him the 1979 Nobel Memorial Economics Prize and became commonplace ideas, still imbedded in the policy-making and academic fields world-wide: (1) small farmers are rational, (2) low income countries saddled with traditional agriculture do not have the problem of many farmers leaving agriculture for nonfarm jobs, (3) part-time farming can be efficient, (4) economies of scale do not exist in agriculture, and (5) investment in human capital counts much more than institutional changes and is the key to agricultural growth; and demonstrated Nobel nominee Albert Otto Hirschman’s negligence that the irrational and polyopolistic land use by able-bodied part-time and absent small farmers has hampered the backward and consumption linkage effects on agriculture, and caused import-oriented consumption linkage effects which have substituted domestic products with otherwise unnecessary imports of agricultural and other goods.
V. Potential promotion of fraternity between nations

(I) For decades, developing countries have had two main types of problems - their own and agricultural protectionism from the developed nations. The author’s Proposals are relevant to them. But even if they have resolved this microeconomic root, the protectionism of the developed nations would still make their agriculture less or unprofitable, hence continuing the inequality between the developed and developing countries. Moreover, protectionism in agriculture of the developed nations and that in industry and services of the developing countries are interrelated - if the developed nations could not abolish their protectionism in agriculture then the developing countries would not do their part in industry and services in the WTO negotiations. But in order to abolish agricultural protectionism, the developed nations would have to prevent irrational production abandonment, otherwise protectionism would never be ended. The author’s Proposals could just resolve this microeconomic root also in the developed nations, so that the abolition of their agricultural protectionism would be possible, hence also the industrial and service protectionism of the developing countries.

(II) The EU has requested the CEE countries to postpone free movement of their cheap laborers into the Western EU areas up to seven years after the accession, worrying that they may easily take jobs away from the Western EU workers. Most of them have agreed on a reciprocal basis vis-a-vis the Western EU Member States, hence dividing the enlarged EU. The Western EU farmers have been actually allowed to lease in land in CEE freely, but not vice versa at the same extent. The author, however, discovers that in the agricultural sector, the reality and trend in the world as well as the EU is that able-bodied farmers are more interested in earning higher off-farm income, so that allowing the full-time farmers from CEE to lease in the irrationally and polyopolistically used land of the part-time and absent farmers of the Western EU would not crowd them out of agriculture (in fact there is already an agricultural labor shortage in some parts of the Western EU). The competition among the Western and CEE full-time farmers in the leasing markets in both the Western and CEE EU areas would be mutually constructive. Therefore, at least in this sector, there should be no harm for the Western EU to allow free labor movement from CEE immediately (or through a much shorter transition period) after or even before the accession, hence increasing fraternity between the Western and CEE parts of the EU.

(III) If all countries of the world could adopt these Proposals and allow not only nationals but also foreigners to lease in the irrationally and polyopolistically used land of their part-time and absent farmers, then resources would be more efficiently used, poverty and inequality reduced, the environment improved, sustainable rural development achieved, fair competition boosted, and fraternity among nations advanced.

VI. Probable ideal direction

These works have given an ideal direction in solving the fundamental global problems under private land ownership (also relevant to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the USA for effectively helping full-time small farmers to increase land access and
abolishing protectionism; and to China for avoiding protectionism under public land ownership). They have got 100 positive responses from the EU, Japan, Switzerland, USA; CABI, OECD, WTO; UN, CSD, FAO, IMF, UNCTAD, UNEP and World Bank (see Appendix V). In face-to-face talks in 2004, the Vice Director-General for Agriculture of the EU Commission and Vice Director of the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Agriculture confirmed that to resolve production abandonment while phasing out protectionism, the EU could not resume it, but would intervene with these Proposals, as no alternative is seen. It was not a coincidence that for decades, the EU could not concede to abolish protectionism in fear of production abandonment; but after the top policymakers understood these Proposals, agreed to end export aids by 2013 on 18 December 2005 and cut farm import tariffs by 54% on 23 July 2006 as requested by the developing countries, which have paved way for reducing the 40% of its budget on only 5% of its population in agriculture in 2007-08 and restarting the WTO Doha negotiations.

VII. Cordial invitation for precious comments

The valuable comments of all distinguished readers, no matter whether specialized in land tenure or not, are gratefully solicited, especially on:
(1) whether there is another work which has provided global evidence that the irrational and polyopolistic land use by able-bodied part-time and absent small farmers has become the most fundamental microeconomic root of the three persisting global macroeconomic problems - food under-self sufficiency, overproduction, and agricultural protectionism;
(2) whether these Proposals would be adoptable by any country;
(3) any doubts; and suggestions for improvement;
(4) any alternative to these Proposals;
(5) how the EU, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan Province of China, etc., could, without adopting these Proposals, break the swing between protectionism (and subsequent overproduction) and production abandonment (and consequent loss of basic self-sufficiency in at least cereals);
(6) how Canada and the USA could, without adopting these Proposals, effectively help full-time small farmers to increase access to land, achieve rational and competitive land use, and abolish protectionism;
(7) how numerous developing countries (including those on public land ownership such as China) could, without adopting these Proposals, reach/maintain basic self-sufficiency or food sovereignty in (at least) cereals and reduce poverty without seeking protectionism;
(8) in your or other country or region whether there are part-time and absent farmers who are not willing to lease their under-producing land beyond family consumption need to the full-time farmers.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Book

These Proposals have been published in the author’s book ‘Sustainable Development in Asia, America and Europe with Global Applications: A New Approach to Land Ownership’, 552 pages, 763 references, 2001, Edward Elgar Publishing, which has been
judged by President Edward Elgar as ‘will make a significant contribution to an important but rather neglected area’, obtained endorsements from Dr James C. Riddell, Chief of the Land Tenure Service of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations ‘Zhou’s work is most timely and will undoubtedly find its way to the desktop of all development planners and concerned public’, Prof Domenico Mario Nuti, University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’, Italy and London Business School, UK ‘Dr Zhou develops a theoretical analysis and a series of original and ingenious policy proposals of general interest. His book, relevant to a variety of countries including many transition economies, should be of great interest to development specialists and government advisors’, and Prof Stuart Holland, Advisor to the (Portuguese) Presidency of the European Council ‘This is the best book on a third way between the command economy and free market system’, see (http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1858989655/002-8637226-4334467?v=glance&n=283155), and positive reviews in ‘World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts’, October 2001, Vol. 43, No. 10, Abstract 6046; ‘Rural Development Abstracts’, December 2001, Vol. 24, Abstract 2480; ‘Journal of Economic Literature’, March 2002: pp. 301-2; ‘Agricultural Economics’, January 2003, Vol. 28, Issue 1: pp. 71-4; and ‘Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture’, February 2003, Vol. 42, No. 1: pp. 114-6, such as ‘thorough, thoughtful examination’, ‘warrants careful attention’, ‘the most significant contribution’, ‘This is not a book one can skip through easily. However, many of its extensions and illustrations will be sufficiently interesting to reward the dedicated reader or specialist’; ‘this path-breaking book’, ‘His approach is very broad’, ‘The discussion of these types – along with the consequences they bring with them – provides insights that can hardly be found anywhere else’, ‘The book is full of in-depth observations and analyses’, ‘It is one of the most important contributions in our time to land tenure literature and a must for all of those working in the field’, ‘Zhou’s contribution is’ ‘remarkable in any case’.

Appendix II – Conference Papers

These Proposals have been elaborated in the author’s papers (continuously revised) accepted by 14 international conferences in 11 countries in Asia, Europe and Latin America during November 2001 – June. 2006:
13. Research Homepage Forwarded by FAO to All the Real and Potential Participants of the ICARRD (International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development) in Porto Alegre, Brazil 7-10 March 2006;
Appendix III – Seminars

These Proposals have been presented by the author in nine seminars in four countries during May 2003 – February 2006.
1. Master Program of Development Cooperation for the Rural Areas, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Padua, Italy 4 May 2003;
2. Applied Economics and Business Management Research Section, Department of Agricultural Sciences, Wye Campus, Imperial College, University of London, UK 29 September 2003;
3. Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Wuppertal, Germany 17 September 2004;
4. Institute for Agricultural Policy, Market Research, and Economic Sociology, Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Bonn, Germany 2 November 2004;
5. Institute of Agricultural Economics, Department and Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland 8 November 2004;
6. Institute of Agronomy for the Overseas (IAO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Florence 15 March 2005;
7. PhD Program of International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies, Department of Agricultural Economics and Engineering, University of Bologna, Italy 27 April 2005;
9. Department of Economic Sciences, Faculty of Economics of University of Florence, Italy 24 February 2006.

Appendix IV – Press Conference

The Swiss Press Club in Geneva has held a press conference to the international and Swiss press and WTO negotiators for the author to present these Proposals as ‘The Unique Way for a Breakthrough in WTO Doha Negotiations’ on 18 November 2005 (http://www.pressclub.ch/archives/events_2005/event_181105_1130.htm).

Appendix V – Responses from Governments, Farmer Organizations and International Organizations

‘Paramount, Core, Crucial issues; Great concern to all, Fully shares your concerns; Good analysis, Highly deserving, Great interest, Extremely interesting, Intriguing, Very valuable contribution, Very serious, Completely relevant, Thoughtful, Worthwhile, Well-written, Indeed important, Helpful, Useful, Constructive, Impressve, Admirable; Innovative, Non-conventional, Transcend the usual schemes, Novel, Inspirational; No alternatives; Appreciation, Compliments; Mandate to welcome, Warmly thank, Commend you; Make your topic to the international development agenda; Has taken full account of your theory, Encourage you to continue, We will continue to examine your ideas further, Bear them in mind when framing future policy proposals; You are a very valuable researcher; You may well be a NOBEL PRIZE winner’
The author wrote 'Proposals for EU on CAP' (Common Agricultural Policy), 'Proposals for EU on CEECs-NIS' (Central-Eastern European Countries and Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union), 'Proposals for EU on MTR' ('Mid-Term Review of CAP of Agenda 2000' released on 10 July 2002 by the EU Commission as a watershed document in the CAP reform) and 'EU to Lead in the World' (to overcome the irrational and polyopolistic land use as a global obstacle) during February 2002 – January 2003, and 'Summary of Research and Policy Proposals' since February 2005, and obtained 100 responses reflecting the appreciation or attention to them from various governments, farmer organizations and international organizations of the EU, EU accession countries, Japan, Switzerland, USA; CABI, OECD, WTO; UN, CSD, FAO, IMF, UNCTAD, UNEP and World Bank.

**The EU Organizations** - Vice President of the EU Constitution Drafting Committee, Italian Senator and former Prime Minister Prof Giuliano Amato; EU Commissioners for Agriculture (1999-2004) Dr Franz Fischler and (2004-09) Dr Mariann Fischer Boel, Deputy Director of Dr Fischer Boel’s Cabinet Dr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, EU Commissioner for External Trade Dr Peter Mandelson, Directors-General for Agriculture Dr José Manuel Silva Rodríguez and Dr Jean-Luc Demarty, Deputy Directors-General for Agriculture Dr Fabrizio Barbaso and Dr Dirk Ahner, Head of the Unit 'Studies and Overall Approach' in Agriculture Dr Bruno Buffaria, Head of the EU Task Force on Land Tenure Dr Philip Mikos, Director-General for Enlargement Dr Eneko Landaburu, Director-General for the Environment Dr Catherine Day, of the EU Commission; President Dr Josep Borrell Fontelles, Chair of the Committee on the Environment Dr Caroline Jackson, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, and Members Drs Thijs Berman, Giuseppe Castiglione, Avril Doyle, Jillian Evans, Gabor Harangozo, Jean Lambert, Lapo Pistelli, Guido Sacconi, María Isabel Salinas Garcia, Agnes Schierhuber, Jeffrey Titford and Graham Watson, of the EU Parliament.

**The EU Member States:**

1. **Austria** - Federal Chancellor of Austria Dr Wolfgang Schüssel, and Director of the Brussels Office of the Austrian Farmer Organization Dr Martin Langauer;

2. **Belgium** - Minister for Social Affairs, Public Health and Environment Dr Magda Aelvoet, and Director of the Service of Studies of the Walloon Federation of Agriculture Dr Yves Somville of Belgium;

3. **Cyprus** - President Dr Tassos Papadopoulos, and Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Dr Timmy A. Efthyymiou of Cyprus;

4. **The Czech Republic** - Prime Minister Dr Vladimír Špidla, Minister of the Environment Dr Libor Ambrozek, Ministry of Agriculture; and Director of the Agricultural Association Dr Jiří Burdych of the Czech Republic;

5. **Denmark** - Prime Minister Dr Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Minister for European Affairs Dr Bertel Haarder, Minister for Agriculture Dr Mariann Fischer Boel (EU Presidency of
July-December 2002), and Minister for Agriculture Dr Hans Christian Schmidt of Denmark;

6. Estonia - Minister Dr Ester Tuiksoo, Deputy Secretary-General for Agricultural and Trade Policies Dr Andres Oopkaup, and Deputy Head of Department of Public and Foreign Affairs Dr Olavi Petron of Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia;

7. Finland - Director of the Brussels Office of the Finnish Agriculture and Cooperatives Dr Simo Tiainen;

8. France - Prime Minister of France Dr Jean-Pierre Raffarin, and Agriculture Counselor of the French Permanent Mission to the WTO Dr Cédric Pene;

9. Germany - Agriculture Counselor of the German Permanent Mission to the WTO Dr Ursula Holzhauser;

10. Hungary - President Dr Ferenc Madl and President-Elect Dr Laszlo Solyom of Hungary;

11. Ireland - Prime Minister Dr Bertie Ahern, Minister of Agriculture Dr Joe Walsh of Ireland, and Agriculture Counselor of the Irish Permanent Mission to the WTO Dr Grainne Mulligan;

12. Italy - President of the Tuscan Regional Government Dr Claudio Martini of Italy;

13. Latvia - President of Latvia Dr Vaira Vike-Freiberga;

14. The Netherlands - Agriculture Counselor of the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the EU Dr M. A. J. Vaes and Agriculture Counselor of the Netherlands Permanent Mission to the WTO Dr Marinus P. C. Huige;

15. Poland - Director of Department of European Union and International Cooperation of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland Dr Julian T. Krzyżanowski, Agriculture Counselor of the Polish Permanent Representation to the EU Dr Władysław Piskorz, and Director of the Brussels Office of the National Union of Farmers, Circes and Agricultural Organizations of Poland Dr Markus Tomberg;

16. Slovakia - Prime Minister Dr Mikulas Dzurinda, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Agriculture, and Department for European Affairs of Slovakia;

17. Spain - Prime Minister of Spain Dr José María Aznar López;

18. Sweden - EU-Coordinator of Ministry of Agriculture Dr Anna Uddbom and Director of the Ecological Farmers Association Dr Inger Källander of Sweden;
19. The UK - Prime Minister Dr Tony Blair, Secretary of State of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Dr Margaret Beckett, and Minister Responsible for CAP Lord Bach of Lutterworth, of the UK (EU Presidency of July-December 2005), Agricultural Attaché of the UK Permanent Representation to the EU Dr Eleanor Brooks, and Second Secretary of the UK Permanent Mission to the WTO Dr Robin Twyman.

Japan - Prime Minister of Japan Dr Junichiro Koizumi.

Switzerland - Director-General of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture Dr Manfred Bötsch; Member of the National Council of the Swiss Parliament Dr Felix Gutzwiller; Director of the International Committee of the Swiss Farmer Organization Uniterre Dr Rudi Berli.

The USA - Deputy Director for Research of the Food Economics Division, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Dr Elise Golan.

CABI - Team Leader of CABI Dr Janice Osborn.

OECD - Secretary-General of OECD Prof Donald Johnston.

WTO - Director-General of the WTO Prof Pascal Lamy.

The UN - Secretary-General of the UN Dr Kofi Annan; Secretariat of the CSD of the UN; Officer-in-Charge of the Rural Development Division and Chief of the Land Tenure Service Dr Paul Munro-Faure, Land Tenure and Rural Development Officers for Central and Eastern Europe Dr Fritz Rembold and Dr Vladimir Evtimov, and Rural Development Officer for Asia and the Pacific Dr Wim Polman of FAO of the UN; Managing Director of IMF Dr Horst Kohler; Secretary-General of UNCTAD Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi; UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director Dr Klaus Toepfer and Deputy Executive Director Dr Shafqat Kakakhel; Vice President for External Affairs of the World Bank Dr Ian Goldin; and Senior Advisor (Strategy and Policy) of the Rural Development Department of the World Bank and Ex-President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists Dr Csaba Csaki.

As one may imagine, if these Proposals had not been meaningful, then they would not have been able to reach these high-ranking policy-makers, as they could have been left aside by their secretariat.

1 ************************************************************
From : Prof Giuliano Amato
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : Re: Proposal for EU CAP (Amato)
Date : Fri, 5 Apr 2002 16:50:17 +0200

My Dear Friend,

Your analysis and your consequent proposals are highly deserving. As you rightly say by the end of your message, I can just pass them over to the Commission. And I will.
Very sincerely,
Giuliano Amato
[Vice President of the EU Constitution Drafting Committee, Italian Senator, Professor of Law of New York University and European University Institute, Former Italian Prime Minister]

2 ************************************************************

From : Prof Giuliano Amato
Sent : Tuesday, August 17, 2004 11:00 AM
To : <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : reply

    My compliments for your scientific production. You are a very valuable researcher.

G.A.

3 ************************************************************

From : Prof Giuliano Amato
Sent : Friday, May 12, 2006 7:34 PM
To : <Jmzhou46@hotmail.com>

    My best wishes to you for your admirable effort to be useful to our Common Agricultural Policy.

G.A.
[Prof Giuliano Amato, Italian Parliamentary Deputy and Interior Minister since May 2006]

4 ************************************************************

From: Maeve.Doran@cec.eu.int
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: Your email for Mr Fischler
Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2002 19:34:26 +0200

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

    Your suggestions regarding both future agricultural policy in the EU-15, and enlargement have been sent to me for response. You may be aware that Mr Fischler is finalizing a Mid-Term Review of the policies adopted in 1999 and known as ‘Agenda 2000’. In this review Mr Fischler will make proposals for amendments to the policy instruments which reflect many of your concerns and objectives. In particular, the Mid-Term Review will put particular emphasis on decreasing trade-distorting support and promoting a vibrant rural economy.

    Thank you for your suggestions
Yours sincerely, 
Maeve Doran Schiratti 
Deputy Head, Fischler Cabinet 
[Dr Franz Fischler - EU Commissioner for Agriculture (1999-2004)]

5 ***************************************************************
From : <Stephanie.Weiss@cec.eu.int>
Sent : Thursday, February 10, 2005 1:08 PM
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : RE: Happy Chinese New Year; your precious comments

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,
    Mr Borchardt has asked me to thank you for the email messages.
    We received your messages well and transmitted them for information to our
Directorate-General where they are being examined.

Yours sincerely,
Stephanie Weiss
Secretary to Mr Borchardt
Cabinet Fischer Boel
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[Dr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt - Deputy Director of the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for
Agriculture (2004-2009) Dr Mariann Fischer Boel]

6 ***************************************************************
From : <Klaus-Dieter.Borchardt@cec.eu.int>
Sent : Wednesday, September 22, 2004 8:52 AM
To : Jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : RE: Visit Dr Klaus-Dieter BORCHARDT, EU Commission

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,
    I could see you on Tuesday 28 September at 11:30 in my office. It is situated in
Rue de la Loi 130 5th floor office n° 233; the next metro station is called Malbaek.
    Please confirm whether this date suites you.
    Regards,

K.-D. Borchardt

7 ***************************************************************
From: Peter MANDELSON
To: jmzhou46@yahoo.com
Subject: EC Common Agricultural Policy
Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2005 09:41:49 +0100

Our ref. CAB24/PM/RN/mvdl D(05) 1796
Dear Mr Zhou,
   Thank you for your email of 23 October 2005 which contains interesting ideas on agriculture.
   I wish you a lot of success in your further research.

Peter Mandelson
Member of the European Commission
[EU Commissioner for External Trade]

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,
   Thank you very much for the different messages concerning the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) which you sent to Commissioner Fischler and to colleagues of the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the European Commission. We read them with great interest and we will continue to examine your ideas further. They are a valuable contribution to our own discussions and we are grateful for this and many other contributions we have received during the last few months, from academics as well as from other parts of the civil society.

   You are certainly aware that the Commission has just presented a new policy orientation paper in the context of the Mid-Term Review of the CAP. This paper, a communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, addresses to some extent also some of the questions you raise in your messages. I join a copy of the press release presenting the communication. If you want me to send you the full text, please let me know. You will also find the full text on the Commission’s Internet site under (http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/com/cnc/2002/com2002_0394en01.pdf). I would be interested and grateful to have your comments on this document.

   Once again thank you very much for your contribution.

Yours sincerely,
J.M. SILVA RODRIGUEZ
[Director-General for Agriculture, EU Commission]
Dear Mr Zhou,

Following your email sent on the 11th of November to Director-General Mr Silva Rodriguez, I have been asked by him to thank you for having presented us your pioneer project in detail. This project sounds very serious and interesting. We wish you all the best to achieve your valuable project.

Yours sincerely,
Frank LEGUEN DE LACROIX
eugene.leguen-delacroix@cec.eu.int

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From : <Heike.Libbach@cec.eu.int>
Sent : Tuesday, September 21, 2004 4:45 PM
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
CC : Wolfgang.Burtscher@cec.eu.int, Nadine.FROIDEBISE@cec.eu.int
Subject : RE: Visit Dr Jean-Luc Demarty during 2-8 Oct. 2004

Dear Dr Zhou,

Mr Demarty has a very tight schedule the upcoming month. He therefore suggests that you contact Mr Wolfgang Burtscher (to whom I copy this email), the director in charge of the agricultural legislation, in order to try and arrange a meeting with him.

Yours sincerely,
Heike Libbach
Secretary J. L. Demarty
[Dr Jean-Luc Demarty, Deputy Director-General, and since the beginning of 2006, Director-General, for Agriculture, EU Commission]

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Directorate G. Economic analyses and evaluation
Brussels, 19.04.2006
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Subject: Decoupled subsidies

Dear Dr Zhou,

Thank you for your email message of 10 March, addressed to Commissioners Fischler Boel and Mandelson, who have asked me to reply on their behalf, in which you make several observations about CAP reform.

In relation to the implementation of the single payment scheme and the behavior of farmers in tenanted farm situations, my services are engaged in monitoring the impacts
of decoupling and the type of model adopted by Member States across the EU and have taken note of your comments.

Yours sincerely,
Jean-Luc Demarty
Director-General

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Directorate K. Relations with other institutions; Communication and Documentation
Brussels, 11 May 2006  AGRI 12296
K  FLL/cl D(2006) 15195

Dear Mr Zhou,

Mr. Demarty has asked me to thank you for your email of 1 April enclosing the summary of your research and policy proposals.

He has transmitted them to his services which will bear them in mind when framing future policy proposals.

Yours sincerely,
F. Leguen de Lacroix,
Advisor on external communication strategy

13 ************************************************************
From : Fabrizio.Barbaso@cec.eu.int
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : RE: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS, and MTR
Date : Thu, 9 Jan 2003 08:01:21 +0100

Thank you for sending me your contribution. I will read it with attention.
Best wishes for the New Year.

Fabrizio Barbaso
[Deputy Director-General for Agriculture, EU Commission]

14 ************************************************************
From : <Dirk.Ahner@cec.eu.int>
Sent : Friday, September 17, 2004 9:10 AM
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : RE: Visit Dr Dirk AHNER, EU Commission

Dear Dr Zhou,

Mr Ahner could see you, here in Brussels in rue de la Loi 130, 7th floor, office 120, on Monday 27th September at 12h00. Is that possible for you?
Thank you.
15  From:  <Dirk.Ahner@cec.eu.int>
Sent:  Wednesday, January 11, 2006 8:29 AM
To:  jmzhou46@hotmail.com

Dear Dr Jian-Ming Zhou,

I thank you very much for your message of November 2005 and I wish you a happy and successful year of 2006.

Best regards

Dirk Ahner

16  From:  <Dirk.Ahner@cec.eu.int>
Sent:  Friday, February 3, 2006 8:33 AM
To:  jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject:  RE: Step 2 already happened

Thank you very much for your message and my very best wishes for the Chinese Year of the Dog.

Dirk Ahner
Loi 130, Tel 02 2957555

17  From:  <Bruno.Buffaria@cec.eu.int>
Sent:  Monday, September 20, 2004 10:37 AM
To:  jmzhou46@hotmail.com
CC:  Dirk.Ahner@cec.eu.int
Subject:  RE: Visit Dr Bruno BUFFARIA, EU Commission

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

I heard that you will see Mr Dirk Ahner on Monday 27.9. I will attend this meeting.

Regards.

Bruno Buffaria
[Head of the Unit 'Studies and Overall Approach' in Agriculture, EU Commission]
Dear Dr Zhou,

I apologize for this late reply to your kind request. I understand you will be in Brussels from the 20th to the 24th of September, unfortunately I will be traveling during most of those days and could eventually meet you only on the 24th from 12:00 to 13:00. I would be grateful if you could let me know what you would like to discuss during this meeting so that I may call in colleagues who may bring valuable insight in the discussions.

Kind regards.

Philip Mikos
Head of Unit DEV/B/4
Environment and rural development
[Head of the EU Task Force on Land Tenure, EU Commission]
Catherine Day  
[Director-General for the Environment, EU Commission]

European Parliament  
Correspondence with Citizens Unit  
A/12227 GA/cns 119673  
01.12.2005

Mr Jian-Ming Zhou

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter to President Chirac of France, a copy of which you forwarded to the President of the European Parliament Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles. We kindly thank you for your interesting proposals. Best regards.

Jean-Louis COUGNON  
Head of Division  
L-2929 Luxembourg – Tel 00352/43 00 23 940 – Fax 00352/43 00 27 072  
http://www.europarl.eu.int/opengov/default_en.htm

From: "Caroline Jackson" cj@carolinejackson.demon.co.uk  
To: "Jian-Ming Zhou" jmzhou46@hotmail.com  
Subject: Re: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS and MTR (Environment Committee EP)  
Date: Tue, 20 Aug 2002 20:12:16 +0100

Thank you. You should send all material to the secretary of the Environment Committee, Francis Jacobs on fjacobs@europarl.eu.int. I am grateful to you for keeping me informed.

Caroine Jackson MEP  
[Chair of the Environment Committee, EU Parliament]

COMMISSION DE L’AGRICULTURE ET DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL  
Le Secrétariat  
Bruxelles 314638  
19.10.2005

Monsieur,

Le 4 octobre dernier, j’ai reçu votre lettre et les documents annexes adressés à M. Borrell, Président du Parlement européen. Je vous en remercie en son nom et vous encourage à continuer vos recherches sur l’avenir des politiques agricoles en général, et
Last 4 October, I received your letter and the attached documents addressed to Mr Borrell, President of the European Parliament. I thank you on his behalf and encourage you to continue your research on the future of the agricultural policies in general, and on the CAP in particular. Your comments are completely relevant, especially within the framework of the process of the reforms in progress.

In this connection, it should be pronounced that the committed reform of the CAP cannot be judged by limiting us only to the decisions taken into 2002/2004. One can already note that nobody is satisfied with the step: neither the ‘agrarianists’, nor the ‘ruralists’, nor the ‘environmentalists’, nor the more liberal. Today, European agriculture lives between dissatisfaction and uncertainty, in search of a new legitimacy for a new CAP which is no more a major challenge to the construction of a Common Market but becomes compatible with the globalization of the markets (multi-lateralism - external legitimacy) and with the new expectations of the society towards the agricultural activity (multi-functionality - internal legitimacy).

We all hope that the concerns raised by your studies will receive a response from the high level at the part of the Community Institutions in the coming years.

Please accept, Sir, my assured best greetings.

Gerhard KALB
Chief of the Unit
Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

I would certainly be pleased to meet you and to discuss your proposals, as the question of international agricultural trade is extremely important. I am currently trying to relaunch - through amendments on the budget - the debate on the (unjust) export refunds within the Agriculture Commission of the European Parliament. Not an easy task, I can tell you. Will you be so kind as to contact my assistant Danielle Bol next Monday morning Sep. 27, in order to fix a date later this week?

Thanks.

Thijs Berman MEP (PvdA, Netherlands)
[Dr Thijs Berman - Dutch Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and Substitute in the Committee on Regional Development and Committee on Petitions]

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

I am Mr Castiglione's assistant at the European Parliament. I am writing in response to your email dated 10/9/2004. Your research is **very interesting** and Mr Castiglione will be very happy to meet with you either on the 20-21/9 or 27-28/9.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Michèle Cimenti
Assistant to Mr Castiglione
[Dr Giuseppe Castiglione - Italian Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union (including Libya), and Substitute in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China]
Subject : RE: Proposals to EU Parliament (98-141)

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for your email. It will be brought to Mrs Doyle’s attention at the earliest convenience.

Kind regards.

Paula Breen
p.p. Avril Doyle MEP
[Dr Avril Doyle - Irish Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Vice-Chairwoman in the Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen, and Substitute in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China]

27 ************************************************************
From : EVANS Jill ASSISTANT2 <jievans-assistant2@europarl.eu.int>
Sent : Tuesday, October 4, 2005 12:25 PM
To : "Jian-Ming Zhou" <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: Proposals to EU Parliament (629-652)

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

On behalf of Jill Evans, thank you very much for you email. It makes some interesting points and we will keep it as reference.

Thank you once again.

Kind regards.

[Dr Jillian Evans - UK Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, and Substitute in the Committee on Regional Development, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen]

28 ************************************************************
From : HARANGOZÓ Gábor <gharangozo@europarl.eu.int>
Sent : Tuesday, September 27, 2005 10:20 AM
To : <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: Proposals to EU Parliament (193-241)

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

We would like to warmly thank you for sending us your updated research and proposals on this paramount topic. As you can imagine, Mr Harangozo as member of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and Regional Development Committee is strongly committed to issues such as Community's budget and CAP reform. We would be therefore glad to support your efforts to bring forward constructive proposals.

With best regards,
Kuhl Alexis
Assistant to Mr Harangozo Gabor MEP
[Dr Gabor Harangozo - Hungarian Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Regional Development and Delegation to the EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee, and Substitute in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation for relations with the United States]

From: "LAMBERT Jean" <jelambert@europarl.eu.int>
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 14:51:27 +0100
Subject: the European Parliament and World Trade

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

Many thanks for your email regarding the EU position on World Trade, and the reform of EU farm subsidies in particular. Our apologies for our delay in responding to you.

May I assure you that Mrs Lambert fully shares your concerns on the position of the EU and its approach to agricultural protectionism and trade with Less Developed Countries (LDCs). Indeed the Greens/EFA Group is very active in the campaign to make trade just.

The conclusion of Jean and the Greens/EFA following Hong Kong was that it will require much more effort to bring new ideas to the minds of decision-makers. We endeavor to continue to campaign for these issues.

Kind Regards,

Elaine Mahon
Office of Jean Lambert MEP
European Parliament
Rue Wiertz 60, B 1047 Brussels
Tel: +32 2 284 7507, Fax: +32 2 284 9507
Email: jelambert@europarl.eu.int, Website: www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk
[Dr Jean Lambert - UK Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia and the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), and Substitute in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Subcommittee on Human Rights, Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners and Delegation for relations with Japan]

Giovanni Carta
<carta@inputfirenze.it>
To: jmzhou46@yahoo.com
Subject: messaggio ricevuto
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2006 10:37:53 +0200
Egr. Dott. Jian-Ming Zhou,
la informo che l'On. Pistelli ha ricevuto la sua email sulla riforma della PAC.
Cordiali saluti

Giovanni Carta
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e-mail: carta@inputfirenze.it
www.inputfirenze.it

Translation:

Dear Dr Jian-Ming Zhou,
I inform you that the honorable Pistelli has received your email on the reform of the CAP.
Cordial salutes.

Giovanni Carta
Director of Input
[For Dr Lapo Pistelli, Italian Member of the European Parliament in the Conference of Delegation Chairmen, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America, Chairman of the Delegation for relations with South Africa, and Substitute in the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen]

Guido Sacconi

Translation:

Dear Dr Jian-Ming,
I ringrazio per l'invio del suo contributo sulla PAC.
La saluto molto cordialmente.

Guido Sacconi
Carlo Chiappelli
Ufficio Stampa
Via degli Artisti 11/B, 50132 Firenze
tel. 055.5529215, fax. 055.5047237
Email uffstampa@toscanaeuropa.it, www.toscanaeuropa.it

Translation:

Dear Dr Jian-Ming,
Thank you for sending me your contribution to the CAP.
My most cordial greetings.

Guido Sacconi

Carlo Chiappelli
Press Office
[For Dr Guido Sacconi, Italian Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, and Substitute in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation for relations with the countries of South-East Europe]

It would be very interesting for us to know and to hear you. I suppose you have contacted other members from the Socialist Spanish Group. Perhaps we will be together in the same appointment with you.

Isuka (Assistant)
[For Dr María Isabel Salinas García - Spanish Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation for relations with Mercosur, and Substitute in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Committee on Fisheries and Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen]

I can suggest that you send us the papers you are talking about so we can have a look on them.
Regards.

Ulrike Raser
[Assistant for Dr Agnes Schierhuber - Austrian Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Delegation for relations with Canada, and Substitute in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs]
Dear Jian-Ming,

Thank you for your email dated 26th September 2005 addressed to our MEP, Jeffrey Titford, which we have read with interest.

When Mr Titford is next in his constituency office I shall certainly discuss your email with him.

Yours sincerely,
Stuart Gulleford

Political Advisor to Jeffrey Titford MEP
Office of Jeffrey Titford MEP - Member of the European Parliament - Eastern Counties
UK Independence Party
145 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0QT
Tel: 01245 266466 Fax: 01245 252071

[Dr Jeffrey Titford - UK Member of the European Parliament in the Committee on Budgetary Control and Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development]

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for the impressive work you undertake on a core issue in policy making in agriculture and rural development. I can assure you that Liberals and Democrats across Europe are very sensitive to the need for a global reform of agricultural policy and equally consider a balanced and open-minded trade relation as crucial for our countries.

We need political imagination and contributions able to transcend the usual schemes. Therefore your work is very valuable and offers several elements of reflections.

Let me thank you for sharing your views with us and for the interest in the political platform of European Liberals and Democrats.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Watson
Dear Mr Zhou!


On behalf of the Austrian Federal Chancellor, we would like to convey our thanks for your message and the documents enclosed.

We transmitted your email to the Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. The relevant department will contact you directly on the issue.

Sincerely,

Ludwig Follner
Citizens Service of the Federal Chancellor
Department I/12, Ballhausplatz 1, A - 1010 Vienna
Tel.: +43 1 53115-2440 Fax: +43 1 53115-4274 Email: ludwig.follner@bka.gv.at

[Federal Chancellor of Austria - Dr Wolfgang Schüssel]
Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We forward the message below to this address for further response:

- the Minister's office
- Kind regards.

Didier Coeurnelle
Information official and webmaster

This mail has been treated by Véronique Querton, deputy counselor

Belgian Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Public Health and the Environment
[Belgian Minister for Social Affairs, Public Health and Environment - Dr Magda Aelvoet]

Dear Dr Zhou,

I received your mail on Friday. I should be interested to meet you. Have you an office in Brussels? Our office in Gembloux is FWA, chaussée de namur 47 (phone number: 081/627403). There are two trains per hour coming from Brussels. If you decide to come, I can pick you up at the Gembloux Station without any problem. Could you inform me about your decision?

Best regards.

Yves Somville
[Director of the Service of Studies of the Walloon Federation of Agriculture (FWA) Belgium]
Dear Dr Zhou,

I have been instructed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Tassos Papadopoulos, to convey to you his *thanks and appreciation* for your email of 11 May 2003, enclosing your ‘Proposals for EU on MTR’, ‘Proposals for EU on CEECs – NIS’, ‘Proposals on EU and CAP’ as well as the ‘EU to Lead in the World’.

These documents have been forwarded to the competent authorities for study and evaluation.

Marios Lyssiotis
Diplomatic Office of the President of the Republic of Cyprus

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Dear Dr Zhou,

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your email of 12 June 2005. The project addresses some interesting aspects of policy and I wish you every success.

L. Tsangarides
For Permanent Secretary

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Dear Mr Zhou,

The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your email with proposals for EU on CAP. Your correspondence will be brought to the attention of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Yours Sincerely,
T. Holek, Director of the Prime Minister’s Private Office
[Prime Minister of the Czech Republic - Dr Vladimír Špidla]
Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for your papers concerning the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) sent to the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic Mr L. Ambrozek.

Michal Pastvinsky
Director of Global Relations Department
[Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic]

Dear Mr Zhou,

We thank you for your email and in reply let me kindly inform you, that Agriculture Association of the Czech Republic, as full member of COPA/COGECA in cooperation with other members is paying full attention to legislation process of EU and policy of EC.

We hope you will keep us posted whenever you feel to do so and needed.

Yours faithfully,

Jiří Burdych, MBA
Director of AA CR
[Agricultural Association of the Czech Republic]

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your emails of 1st July 2002, the contents of which he has taken note of.

Yours sincerely,

Jacob Holbraad
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

I sincerely thank you for your interesting comments on the Common Agricultural Policy and your novel ideas for land ownership.

The Mid-Term Review of the CAP is one of the Danish Presidency’s priorities. CAP reform is needed. In my view, CAP reform must be promoted in the direction of greater market orientation, sustainable development, animal welfare and food safety.

Your ideas will be inspirational in our further working.

Yours sincerely,

Bertel Haarder

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

I have read with great interest your email of 2 July 2002 with your proposals for the EU CAP.

It is obvious that changes must be made to the CAP, and I have noted your ideas. As you might know the Commission published its Mid-Term Review on 10 July 2002, and the Council had on 15 July its first debate on the Mid-Term Review. There are some very interesting ideas in the Commission paper on the development of the CAP, and we are looking forward to an in-depth debate about this during the Danish Presidency.

Again, thank you for your contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Mariann Fischer Boel

[Danish Prime Minister - Dr Anders Fogh Rasmussen]
Dear Mr Zhou,

In mail of 12th of June 2005 you wrote to the Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and in mail of 5th of July 2005 you wrote to the Danish Prime Minister about persisting global macroeconomic problems connecting to the EU agricultural policy and the Lisbon Strategy. On behalf of both Danish Ministers I sincerely thank you for your comments on both issues.

Yours sincerely,
Anders T. Christensen

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Anders T. Christensen
Erhvervs- og landbrugspolitisk kontor
Fodevareministeriets Departement
Holbergsgade 2
1057 København K
Direkte tlf: 3392 2056

[Danish Prime Minister - Dr Anders Fogh Rasmussen
Danish Minister for Agriculture - Dr Hans Christian Schmidt]

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From :    "Olavi Petron" <olavi.petron@agri.ee>
To :    <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject :    RE: Proposals for EU on CAP. CEECs-NIS & MTR
Date :    Wed, 14 May 2003 14:23:19 +0300

Dear Dr Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you very much for the interesting analysis and proposals you sent. Indeed all different aspects have to be considered in discussion on CAP developments. With accession to the EU Estonia will also have the possibility to present our views and expectations on common policy and there all the ideas like the papers you presented can be used for internal discussions on Estonian position. Still, as you probably know Estonian market policy has been rather liberal compared with most of the other WTO members and especially in agricultural sector, which has resulted in more effective production units, but also great social difficulties in rural areas and also a large extent of very good unused agricultural land out of active farming due to the less favorable world market situation. Therefore the social and rural development aspect of the rural policy has to be regarded with highest respect! Economical sufficiency may not always be the most ‘profitable’ solution for regions traditionally with active agricultural activities. Still CAP reform ideas presented by Commission with MTR are very interesting and further discussions on the developments shall be held. I would like to thank you once more for the interesting documents. With best regards.

Olavi Petron
Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

On behalf of Minister Ms Ester Tuiks oo we thank you for your email of 12th of June where you introduced your research topic and policy proposals for resolving macroeconomic problems.

Decoupled payments introduced in July 2002 may on one hand resolve problems with overproduction and market distortions but on the other hand also raise problem that the landowners would not want to lease land out and the farmers who need it by economic considerations can't achieve economies of scale. Setting land aside also might resolve the problem with overproduction but on other hand does not make distinction between environmentally sensitive land and highly productive land.

We sent your short research version to the Estonian Agricultural University for their comments and reference.

Yours sincerely,
Andres Oopkaup
Deputy Secretary-General for Agricultural and Trade Policies
05 04094
Lai 39/41 15056 TALLINN - 39/41 Lai St. 15056 TALLINN
Telefon 625 6101 Faks 625 6200 Reg nr 7000734 Email pm@agri.ee

[The author is glad that his Proposals have acquired correct understanding]
Hello,
Thank you for your message.
It has been transmitted to the French Prime Minister's Cabinet.
Best regards.

The webmaster

[The webmaster is advising the recipient to ensure that his message is properly transmitted to the French Prime Minister's Cabinet.]

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Dear Mr Zhou,
I thank you very much for your kind message. As you can imagine, the present negotiating process makes us rather busy at the moment and our agenda rather difficult to plan. I'll try to make my best in order to be in a position to meet with you and let you know if I can propose you a tentative date for a meeting. I was already a little bit informed of your proposals by my colleague from the Dutch Mission.

With my best regards.

Cédric PENE
Conseiller (Affaires agricoles)
Délégation permanente de la France auprès de l'OMC
58, rue de Moillebeau
CP 235 - CH - 1211 GENEVE 19 (SUISSE)
[Dr Cédric Pene, Agriculture Counselor of the French Permanent Mission to WTO, received the author on 24 November 2005]
Dear Mr Zhou,
   I'd like to let you know that I already have received your invitation by email and a hard copy, too.
   I'll try my best to attend the press conference, but maybe will be occupied with another meeting at the WTO. If so, I'll ask a colleague to keep the appointment.
   Wishing you all the best for your presentation.
   Best regards.

Ursula Holzhauser
Counselor
Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany
WTO-Unit (Agriculture)
28c, chemin du Petit-Saconnex, 1209 Geneva 19

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From: Webmester <webmester@keh.hu>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2005 9:29 AM
To: Jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Proposals to Hungarian President Ferenc Madl

Dear Dr Zhou,
   Thank you for your message.
   It has been transmitted to Hungarian President Ferenc Madl's Secretariat and President-Elect Laszlo Solyom’s Secretariat.
   Best regards.

Webmaster
Dear Mr Zhou,

The Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern T.D., has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your email of the 1 September 2002 which has been referred to the office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mr Joe Walsh T.D., for attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Sludds
Taoiseach's Private Office
[Taoiseach - the Irish term for Prime Minister]

Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food, Dublin 2
Oifig an Aire Talmhaiochta agus Bia, Baile Atha Cliath 2

21 August 2002

PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDANCE
Our Ref: 2002/13941N/CO'N

Dear Dr Zhou,

I acknowledge receipt of your recent fax addressed to the Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mr Joe Walsh, TD concerning proposals for EU on CAP.

I will bring this to the attention of the Minister.

Yours sincerely,
Martina Kearney
Private Secretary

Jian Ming,

Further to our conversation today, perhaps we could meet for lunch at Sali Thai, 18 Rue Maurice Braillard, 1202 Geneva at 1pm.

Kind regards
Gráinne Mulligan
Gentile Dottor Zhou,

ho letto con particolare attenzione la lettera che mi ha inviato il 6 maggio scorso con la quale mi illustra i risultati della sua ricerca. Desidero complimentarmi con lei per l'interesse che le sue innovative proposte hanno suscitato.

Con i miei più cordiali saluti.

Claudio Martini

Translation:

Dear Doctor Zhou,

I have read with particular attention the letter that you had sent to me last May 6 which illustrates the results of your research. I wish to compliment you for the interest that your innovative proposals have aroused.

With my most cordial greetings.

Claudio Martini
Dear Mr Zhou,

   Thank you for your email informing about your research proposal. Taking into account competence of the governmental institutions of Latvia we have forwarded your proposal to the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture and the Latvian Institute of Agrarian Economy for further consideration.

Sincerely,
Zane Zeibote
Advisor to the President on Economic Affairs
[President of Latvia – Dr Vaira Vike-Freiberga]

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From :  BRE-LNV
Sent :  Wednesday, October 6, 2004 5:16 PM
To :  "jmzhou46@hotmail.com" <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject :  appointment with Mrs. Vaes

Dear Mr Zhou,

   Mrs Vaes can have a meeting with you on 14 October at 11.00 hrs or at 15.30 hrs. Could you please let me know if this is possible for you at one of these times.
   With kind regards.

Wilma van den Bosch
Office of the Agriculture Counselor
Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union
Herrmann Debrouxlaan 48, 1160 Brussels

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From: "Kalkman, Petra"
To: <Jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Kindly email me for appointment
Date: Wed, 16 Nov 2005 16:35:39 +0100

Dear Mr Zhou,

    Mr Huige is inviting you for a lunch in Restaurant LEMON CAFÉ tomorrow, Thursday November 17th, at 13:00 o'clock. He is looking forward to meeting you there. I would like to ask you, if possible, to send us more information about your reports so that Mr Huige could read more about your investigations. Thank you in advance.

Petra Kalkman
Netherlands Mission
[Dr Marinus P. C. Huige - Agriculture Counselor
Netherlands Permanent Mission to WTO]
Dear Dr Zhou,

Thank you for your letter and your proposals.
Thank you very much for contacting us with your project.

Yours sincerely,
Julian T. Krzyżanowski
Director
Department of European Union and International Cooperation
Thank you. I look forward to having a look.

[Dr Markus Tornberg
Director
Brussels Office
National Union of Farmers, Circes and Agricultural Organizations of Poland]

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From : "Tomas Sivicek" <tomas.sivicek@vlada.gov.sk>
To : "Jian-Ming Zhou" <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS & MTR
Date : Wed, 14 May 2003 14:40:40 +0200

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

Let me thank you for your letter of May 9, 2003 addressed to the Prime Minister
of the Slovak Republic Mikulas Dzurinda, where you enclosed your proposals to the
agricultural policy of EU.

Since your ideas and opinions might be inspiring and helpful for our expert on
EU issues and agriculture, allow me to inform you that your letter was sent to the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, to the Ministry for Agriculture and to the Department for
European Affairs at the Government Office for further consideration.

We wish you a lot of success in your further research.

Yours sincerely,
Ing. Tomas Sivicek
The Government Office of the Slovak Republic

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From : gabinete@presidencia.gob.es
To : jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : acuse
Date : Mon, 11 Nov 2002 18:40:40 +0100

PRESIDENCIA DEL GOBIERNO
GABINETE DEL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO
SUBDIRECTORA GENERAL
SECRETARIA DEL GABINETE

Madrid, 11 de noviembre de 2002

Sr. D. Jian-Ming Zhou

Estimado señor:
Contesto a la carta que, a través del correo electrónico, se ha recibido en esta Presidencia, una vez conocido el asunto que ha sometido a la consideración del Presidente del Gobierno.

Le agradecemos su envío y le anunciamos que en estos momentos en que se encuentra sobre la mesa del Consejo una reforma de la Política Agrícola Comunitaria, cualquier aportación es bienvenida y se prestará la debida atención a su contribución al debate.

Reciba un cordial saludo.

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Translation:

Premiership of the Government
Cabinet of the Premiership of the Government
Deputy Director-General
Secretariat of the Cabinet

Madrid, 11 November 2002

Sir Dr Jian-Ming Zhou

Esteemed Sir,

This is to reply to the letter we have received through email to this Premiership, which, once known of the subject, has been submitted to the Premier of the Government for consideration.

We are grateful to you for the mail and we would like to say that at this moment, as one can see a reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the agenda of the Council, any contribution is welcome and the proper attention will be given to the contribution in the debate.

Please accept a cordial salute.

[Spanish Premier - Dr José María Aznar López]

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From :    anna.uddbom@agriculture.ministry.se
To :    jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : Ang: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS and MTR (SE Ag Minister)
Date :    Fri, 3 Jan 2003 11:23:31 +0100

Jo Registrador
2002-12-16 15:31

Dear Mr Zhou,

I have read your proposals for the CAP with great interest. The CAP creates, as you have pointed out, indeed many dilemmas. As you probably know the Swedish view is that CAP is negative for consumers, taxpayers and farmers in the EU. Furthermore the
CAP is also undermining the possibilities for the developing countries. A change is needed.

Thank you very much for the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Uddbom
EU-coordinator and responsible for the work on the MTR at the Ministry of Agriculture in Stockholm

From : Inger Källander <inger.kallander@ekolantbruk.se>
Sent : Sunday, January 25, 2004 8:28 PM
To : "Jian-Ming Zhou" <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : SV: Happy Chinese New Year

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for this document. We will look at it in my organization.

Best regards.

Inger
[Dr Inger Källander
Director
Swedish Ecological Farmers Association]

Dear Dr Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for your email of 17 August to the Secretary of State, Margaret Beckett, enclosing your ‘proposals for EU on MTR’ comments on the Mid-Term Review of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of Agenda 2000. I have been asked to reply as this Branch deals with CAP reform.

Thank you for sending your comments on the MTR to us. We are currently collating responses to our public consultation in which we asked for comments on the Commission’s discussion document on the MTR. **We will include your document with the responses and it will help inform our thinking** on the reform of the CAP.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Hassall
European Union Agriculture and Coordination Division
EU Agriculture Branch
Dear Mr Zhou,

I am very sorry I could not make our meeting last Friday and hope we can rearrange. Perhaps this Friday (29th) at 10am?

Eleanor Brooks
[Agriculture Attaché
Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom to the European Union
Brussels]

Dear Mr Zhou,

REFORM OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Thank you for your email and attachment of 14 July 2005 to Lord Bach on the subject of the Common Agricultural Policy. This Division is responsible for the Common Agricultural Policy and I have been asked to reply.

The UK Government has called for a fundamental review of the whole EU budget reporting in time for us to be able - midway through the 2007-2013 budget period - to alter fundamentally the structure of the budget. The review will need to cover the Common Agricultural Policy as this accounts for the largest share of EU expenditure. We want to see a re-balancing of the EU budget so that the levies and share of the budget going to agriculture are significantly reduced and resources are more productively deployed. The UK Government's vision for the future CAP is a policy which has minimal trade distorting effects, no supply controls (set aside, production quotas, etc.), improved access to EU markets (i.e., lower tariffs and less reliance on tariff quotas), decoupled support for farmers and a greater emphasis on environmental and rural development policies (as opposed to production-related ones).

The UK stands ready to engage with its partners in developing proposals that meet these objectives, and a process of consultation is now underway with all Member States on the shape of the EU budget so that we can have an inclusive debate followed by a planned process of change. We hope to take forward this debate during our EU Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Todd
EU Agriculture Branch
Dear Mr Zhou,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent letter and the enclosures.

He hopes you will understand that, as the matter you raise is the responsibility of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, he has asked that your letter be forwarded to that Department so that they may reply to you directly on his behalf.

Yours sincerely,
R. Smith

[The UK Prime Minister – Dr Tony Blair]
Dear Dr Zhou,

Thank you for your further comments below, which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Todd
EU Agriculture Branch
EU & International Agriculture Division
Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs
Area 8E 9 Millbank, c/o Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
Tel: +44 (0)20 7238 6829 Fax: +44 (0)20 7238 3058

Thank you for your message and the attention you paid to our website. Your opinion will serve as a reference for future policy planning and administration of the Japanese Government. We will collate all opinions received and report them to the Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi as well as transfer them to Ministries and Agencies concerned.

We hope that you will continue to visit our website.

Yours sincerely,

Email Team
Cabinet Secretariat
Government of Japan

Dear Dr Zhou,

Thank you very much for your email and your very interesting studies.
Thank you again for contacting me and I wish you success with your research.

Sincerely yours,

Manfred Bötsch
From: hans-joerg.lehmann@blw.admin.ch
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2005 7:30 AM
To: Jmzhou46@hotmail.com
CC: manfred.boetsch@blw.admin.ch, gertrud.hofmann@blw.admin.ch
Subject: AW: How about 10 or 11 Oct. 2005 Monday or Tuesday

Dear Mister Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for your information. Director-General Mr Bötsch gave me the mandate to welcome you. He will be out of the office during the next week.

For your concern about the meeting date and time, I can tell you that for me it will be also suitable next Monday afternoon between 3h00 pm to 5h00pm. Please let me know, if we could fix this time.

Thank you.

Best regards.

Hans-Jörg Lehmann
[Chef de l’Etat-major Ecologie – Chief of the Staff in Ecology
Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture]

From: FDP Schweiz - Bruno Henggi <Henggi@fdp.ch>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 4:31 PM
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: Agriculture

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

On behalf of Mr Gutzwiller, Member of the Swiss Parliament, we thank you very much for your email of 27th of January where you introduced your research topic and policy proposals for resolving macroeconomic problems. We will bring this to the attention of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Best regards.

Bruno Henggi
Leiter Bereich Fraktion & Politik
FDP Schweiz Neuengasse 20 3011 Bern
Tel. 031 320 35 35 Fax 031 320 35 00 Mobile 079 769 02 89 henggi@fdp.ch
Freiheit und Verantwortung
[Dr Felix Gutzwiller - Member of the National Council of the Swiss Parliament]

From: Rudi Berli <r.berli@uninterre.ch>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2005 11:41 PM
To: Jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject : Re: Visit Uniterre, Geneva, Thursday morning, 13 Oct. 2005

Dear Mr Jian-Ming Zhou,

If it's possible for you, we could meet at the meeting point of the central station Cornavin (in front of the ticket desk), Tuesday morning at 9h.

Rudi Berli
[Director
International Committee
Uniterre – Swiss Farmer Organization]

From : Elise Golan <EGOLAN@ers.usda.gov>
Sent : Tuesday, January 24, 2006 3:58 PM
To : <Jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject : Re: Proposals to USDA (5)

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

This is certainly an interesting topic.
I wish you good luck with your research endeavors.
Best regards.

Elise Golan, PhD
Deputy Director for Research
Food Economics Division
Economic Research Service
United States Department of Agriculture - USDA
1800 M. St. NW Washington, D.C. 20036-5831
phone: 202-694-5424; fax: 202-694-5688

From: Janice Osborn <j.osborn@cabi.org>
Sent: 24 February 2005 09:18
To: <Jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Happy Chinese New Year; precious comments of you and anyone else

Congratulations on such a positive response to your work - it was good to see.
Thank you for your email and good luck with the dissemination of your ideas.
With best wishes.

Janice
[Dr Janice Osborn - Team Leader
CABI – Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International]
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com  
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2002 14:57:47 +0100

Dear Dr Zhou,

Thank you very much for your recent email that outlines a proposal to improve land use in East European countries as well as other part of the world.

I found your proposal very interesting and passed it and the reference to your book to OECD experts on agricultural issues. I am sure that it will be an interesting input to their work.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Johnston  
[Secretary-General of OECD - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development]

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Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005 19:13:33 +0100
From: "Abdel Motaal, Doaa" <Doaa.AbdelMotaal@wto.org>
To: jmzhou46@yahoo.com
CC: "Gonzalez, Arancha" <Arancha.Gonzalez@wto.org>

Dear Mr Zhou,

Thank you very much for your email to Mr Pascal Lamy. He has found your ideas extremely interesting. He wishes you the best of luck with your research.

Sincerely,

Doaa Abdel Motaal  
Counselor  
Office of the Director-General  
World Trade Organization  
Tel: (4122) 7395875 Fax: (4122) 7395460
[Prof Pascal Lamy - Director-General of the WTO - World Trade Organization]

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From: Wang, Xiaodong <Xiaodong.Wang@wto.org>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 8:49 PM
To: <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>

Dear Mr Zhou,

Mr Lamy has taken full account of your theory.

Regards.

Xiaodong Wang  
Counselor  
Office of the Director-General  
WTO
From: "Helen Shaskan" <shaskan@un.org>
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS, and MTR
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 18:44:11 -0400

Dear Mr Zhou,

On behalf of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, thanks for your email, which has been referred to this office for reply. Please allow me to express thanks to you for sharing your views with us, the contents of which have been read and noted.

I thank you for your interest in the United Nations and for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Johnston-Britton
Acting Chief, Public Inquiries Unit
Department of Public Information

From: "Maria T Olvida" <olvida@un.org>
To: jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS, and MTR
Date: Mon, 14 Jul 2003 14:47:51 -0400

Thank you for your proposals which we have shared with colleagues in the CSD Secretariat.

Thank you and best regards.

Maria T Olvida
[Secretariat of the CSD - Commission on Sustainable Development of the United Nations]

Date: Wed, 23 Mar 2005 14:54:32 +0100
From: "SDA-Director" <SDA-Director@fao.org>
Subject: Summary of Research and Policy Proposals
Sender: "Lugones, Teresa (SDAD)" <Teresa.Lugones@fao.org>
To: jmzhou46@yahoo.com
CC: "MunroFaure, Paul (SDAA)" <Paul.MunroFaure@fao.org>, "SD-Registry" <SD-Registry@fao.org>

Message from Mr P. Munro-Faure
Officer-in-Charge Rural Development Division

Dear Mr Zhou,
Thank you for your email updating us on your activities, which we read with interest.

As to whether these proposals could be adopted by the EU, we suggest that you may wish to contact them directly.

With best wishes for your future research.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Munro-Faure
Officer in Charge Rural Development Division
[Chief of the Land Tenure Service
FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations]
Subject: My homepage to FAO-ICARRD

http://jmzhou46.tekcities.com/

Homepage of Jian-Ming ZHOU, PhD in Economics, Independent Researcher

[FAO-ICARRD (International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development) held in Porto Alegre, Brazil 7-10 March 2006]

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From: "Rembold, Fritz (FAOSEUM)" <Fritz.Rembold@fao.org>
To: Jian-Ming Zhou <jmzhou46@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS, and MTR
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2003 11:15:26 +0200

Dear Mr Zhou,

Congratulations to your efforts and achievements.

With best regards.

Fritz Rembold
[Land Tenure and Rural Development Officer
Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe
FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations]

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From: Evtimov, Vladimir (FAOSEUM) <Vladimir.Evtimov@fao.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2005 3:08 PM
To: Jmzhou46@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Any alternative

Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

Thank you for addressing me.

I have read carefully your Summary of Research and Policy Proposals. Your *analysis is good*, and no doubt your suggested solutions sound *intriguing* and non-conventional.

May I wish you the best of health and good luck in the Year of the Rooster.

Sincerely,

Vladi Evtimov
Land Tenure and Rural Development Officer
FAO - Sub Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe (SEUR)
Benczúr utca 34; 1068 Budapest - Hungary
phone: +36-1 461 2027; fax.: +36-1 351 7029
email: vladimir.evtimov@fao.org
website: http://www.fao.org/Regional/default.htm
Dear Jian-Ming Zhou,

I understand that you do enjoy notable support from many academic authorities and government officials, including my esteemed predecessor, the late Fritz Rembold. You may well be a Nobel Prize winner in this field. I have not contemplated any alternatives to your proposal. Experience tells me that if there is actually no alternative to your proposal, then it will inevitably be embraced by many Governments in the EU and CIS – sooner or later - and it will be implemented through a democratic process of decision making.

With best wishes.

Vladi Evtimov
Land Tenure and Rural Development Officer
FAO - Sub Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe (SEUR)
Benczúr utca 34; 1068 Budapest - Hungary
phone: +36-1 461 2027; fax.: +36-1 351 7029
email: vladimir.evtimov@fao.org
website: http://www.fao.org/Regional/default.htm

Dear Dr Zhou,

Your research is indeed pointing to core issues in policy making in agriculture and rural development focusing on the dynamics in farm decision-making by small farmers. It is a complex policy issue as proper land use is a semi-philosophical question in any society, culture and any time. Make your topic a contribution to the international development agenda. What I could say on the matter is to make the message heard as a contribution to UN policy agenda, e.g., for improved household level, national and world level Food Security (FAO-WFS follow up), for poverty reduction (UN MDG’s), for promotion of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD coming from WSSD) and Sustainable Natural Resources Management (several UN agendas).

I wish you success in your research efforts.

Kind regards.

Wim Polman
[Rural Development Officer]
Dear Mr Zhou,

Thank you on behalf of Mr Horst Kohler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, for your letter of July 23, 2003 in which you outlined your reform proposals regarding agricultural policies in the European Union. Your letter has been shared with relevant staff.

We value your interest in the IMF and have read your proposals with great interest.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your ideas.

Sincerely yours,
Kathleen White
Chief of Public Affairs
Public Affairs Division
External Relations Department
Tel: (202) 623-7300 Fax: (202) 623-6220 publicaffairs@imf.org

Dear Mr Zhou,

Thank you very much for your email which you sent to Mr Supachai Panitchpakdi about your interesting PhD thesis / book.

Could you please send me again your attachments that you have sent to the Secretary-General? (Summary and responses by other organizations). I would like to have a closer look at them.

We will then come back to you.

With regards.

Ralf Peters

Ralf Peters
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities
Dear Mr Zhou,

On behalf of the Executive Director, I wish to sincerely thank you for your email dated 7 July 2003 concerning proposals for EU on CAP, CEECs-NIS and MTR. I would like to commend you on your impressive work and for the well-written documents. They are indeed important and address some crucial issues which are of great concern to all of us.

I am pleased to note that you have received positive responses from a number of international organizations and governments, which clearly confirms the importance of your efforts. In this regard, I am pleased to enlist UNEP’s appreciation for the work undertaken.

We wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Yours sincerely,

Shafqat Kakakhel
Deputy Executive Director

[Executive Director of UNEP - Dr Klaus Toepfer, also Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations]

Mr Zhou,

Mr Golding asked me to respond to your thoughtful note. We appreciate for your views on CAP reform. We share your concerns for subsidies and high trade barriers, and while we would like for the Commission to have gone a bit farther, the proposals do seem to have precipitated a ray of hope for an agricultural agreement eventually at Cancun.

Best wishes.

Richard Newfarmer
Economic Adviser
Dear Mr Zhou,

Thank you very much for your *very interesting* proposal. I wish you good luck for your *worthwhile* project.

Best regards.

Csaba Csaki

Senior Advisor (Strategy and Policy)
Rural Development Department
MC5-109
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[Ex-President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists]