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From: Jim Guinn [mailto:jguinn@usarice.com]
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To: Carl Brothers; Keith Glover; Marvin Baden; Bobby Hanks; Lee Adams
Cc: Nevins, Glenn W.; Chris Bonnesen; Betsy Ward; Bob Cummings
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Resending below the message originally sent on Friday, October 7th, with added copy readers:

All,

Attached is a draft itinerary for the Chinese rice traders team which as you can see is scheduled to arrive in the U.S. on November 6. We have yet to be contacted by Greg Yielding about the team. We received this itinerary from FAS Washington who obtained it from FAS Beijing. Greg may have already or may soon contact you to set up a mill visit and tour.

It is our understanding that the two traders are the owner of a grocery chain and a rice broker, both from southern China (Shenzhen).

Betsy and I met with FAS this morning and reiterated our concern about how the first Chinese mission was handled and why a trade mission now is premature since we do not yet have access to the market and no clear idea when or under what conditions we will gain such access.

We supported the Chinese Quarantine visit since it was necessary to complete a pest risk assessment as a prerequisite to gaining market access. We know of no compelling reason to support a trader team at this time. The decision whether to host the team is an individual company matter.