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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

As directed in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), in consultation with the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), hereby submits to the Committees on Appropriations this quarterly report on the status of the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust for the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2009. There have been no expenditures made under the trust during the fourth quarter. There were two purchase adjustments that occurred during the fourth quarter, resulting in positive allocations to the trust. The first is a return by USAID to the trust of \$4.619 million that resulted from the closeout of awards from the trust for FY 2003 and FY 2005. The second, a return by USAID to the trust of \$3,797, was made to the trust since the amount of funds USAID spent on contract expenses was less than the budgeted amount.

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service prepared this report in consultation with USAID's Office of Food for Peace.

Similar letters have been sent to Congressman Kingston and Senators Kohl and Brownback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack", written over a circular stamp.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

Enclosure

**Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust
Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Financial Report**

FY 2009 Summary

First Quarter

Cash Available as of October 1, 2008:	\$314,854,986.77
- Expenditures: Commodity and Bags (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)	(\$4,434,251.96)
Cash Balance Available as of December 31, 2008:	\$310,420,734.81

Second Quarter

Cash Available as of January 1, 2009:	\$310,420,734.81
Cash Balance Available as of March 31, 2009:	\$310,420,734.81

Third Quarter

Cash Available as of April 1, 2009:	\$310,420,734.81
Cash Balance Available as of June 30, 2009:	\$310,420,734.81

Fourth Quarter

Cash Available as of June 30, 2009:	\$310,420,734.81
- FY 03 and FY 05 Cash Recoveries Returned from USAID:	\$4,619,394.26
- Expenditure Adjustment	\$3,797.30
Cash Balance Available as of September 30, 2009	\$315,043,926.37