



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Under Secretary for Industry and Security**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 9, 2006

The Honorable Evan Bayh  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on International  
Trade and Finance  
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

I hereby report to the Congress the export licensing actions taken by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) relating to exports of agricultural commodities to Cuba for the most recent calendar quarter January - March, 2006 as required by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of Pub.L. 106-387). This report is required by the Section 906(b) of TSRA.

For the reporting period, BIS received 47 notifications under License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). Of these, 43 were approved in an average processing time of 8 days, and 4 were returned without action in an average processing time of 7 days. BIS also processed and approved 8 export license applications for TSRA-eligible commodities to Cuba during the reporting period, in an average of 10 days, and returned no license applications without action. A chart illustrating this information is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. McCormick".

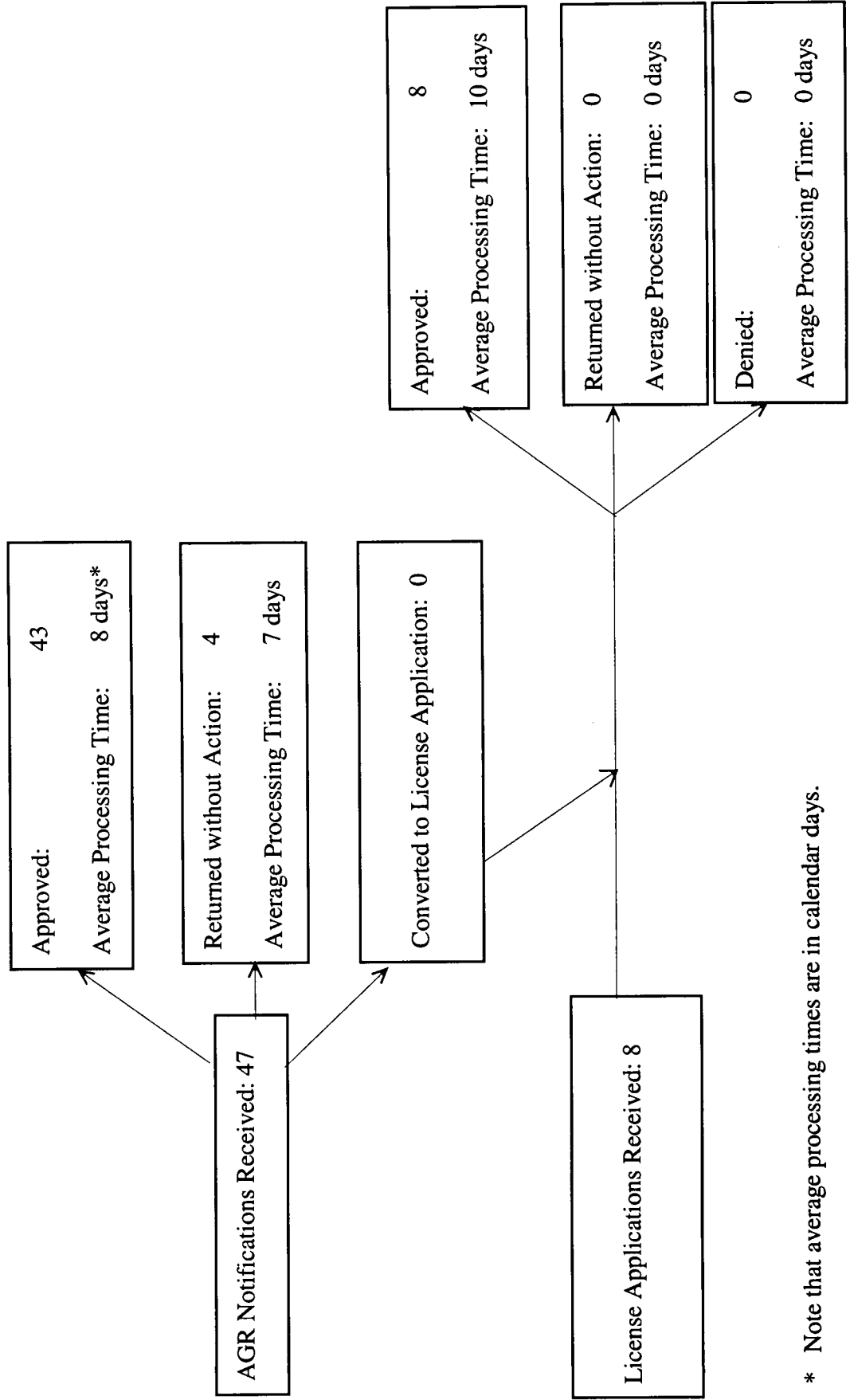
David H. McCormick

Enclosure



**Quarterly Report to the Congress on Activities Undertaken by the Department of Commerce Pursuant to Section 906(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000**

Agricultural Commodities to Cuba: January - March 2006



\* Note that average processing times are in calendar days.