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## Dear Director Herbert:

Proposed addition to Appendix E to MRP Project NC-1198 Renewing an Agriculture of the Middle: Value Chain Design, Policy Approaches, Environmental and Social Impacts covering research at Massachusetts – University of Massachusetts has been approved.

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Objects:1,2

Resource Commitments: SY(0.10) PY(0.30) TY(0)

Program(s): not specified

FTE: 0

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APPROVED:

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