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SUBJECT: INF – SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ED SCHAFER

Purpose. To transmit a photo of the new Secretary of Agriculture

Expiration Date. September 30, 2009.

Ed Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on January 28th 2008.

Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive.

Born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, Schafer graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970.

Secretary Schafer enjoys the outdoors and his hobbies include bicycling, hiking, scuba diving and restoring classic automobiles. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children; Tom Schafer, Ellie Schafer, Eric Jones, Kari Hammer, and eight grandchildren.

Under separate cover, offices should have received a photo of the Secretary. It should be framed and hung in a prominent place in your office.

/s/

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