The following notification was received from the United States Government on 10 October 1962.

"In accordance with Article XVI(A) paragraph 1 I am enclosing a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture announcing an indemnity programme for California raisins under Section 32 of Public Law 320, 74th Congress. Present crop prospects however do not indicate that there will be a need to put this programme into effect this season."

The text of the United States Department of Agricultural Bulletin which is dated 16 August 1962, is reproduced below:

United States Department of Agriculture to Assist California Raisin Producers

A programme to partially indemnify raisin producers in California in connexion with the disposition of pooled raisins has been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Under a Federal marketing order substantial quantities of natural Thompson Seedless raisins are expected to be pooled for sale into export and non-normal outlets. Because of heavy production in competing countries indications are that competition in export markets will be the most severe in recent years. Exports in the 1961 season are expected to exceed 45,000 tons.

The programme provides for indemnities of up to $20 per ton in the event returns from pooled raisins are less than 80 per cent of domestic market returns and average returns from all outlets are less than 75 per cent of parity. The
United States Department of Agriculture indemnities would be paid to the Raisin Administrative Committee for distribution to producers and other equity holders in the pool. The Committee is the agency appointed by the Secretary to administer the Raisin Marketing Order.

No assistance programme involving Section 32 funds has been authorized for raisins since 1955.

Details of the programme will be contained in an agreement to be developed with the Committee in the near future.