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Subject Fwd: Chris Clayton - Interior coexistence

## Tom and Dan:

Kathleen Merrigan, the DepSec at USDA, called me about this yesterday. Apparently Vilsack is somewhat exercised that the Administration is not being consistent in supporting genetically modified crops. Apparently there has been a dust-up about this issue, generally, and the FWS announcement came down in the middle of it.

I told Kathleen that she shouldn't assume that we've made some broad policy decision here that will cause problems for USDA, but I assured her that we would look into this.

I'd appreciate the chance to catch up with you next week about this.

Thanks.

--David

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Thought you should see this. Hope we can chat briefly today when you are on your way to the airport.

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