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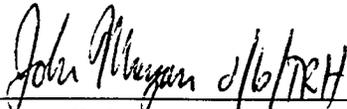
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**Re: Silicomanganese from Kazakhstan: Request for public comment
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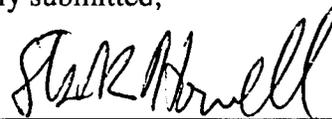
Dear Assistant Secretary Shirzad:

Pursuant to the Department's notice of request for comments in the above matter dated November 9, 2001 (*Silicomanganese from Kazakhstan*, 66 Fed. Reg. 56,639 (Nov. 9, 2001) (Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value)), we submit the attached memorandum commenting on whether Kazakhstan's status as a non-market economy under the antidumping and countervailing laws should be modified. These comments are submitted on behalf of Bethlehem Steel Corporation; LTV Steel Company, Inc.; National Steel Corp.; and United States Steel LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



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