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SUBJECT: Request for Overseas Travel Assistance - Messrs.
R.J. Soper & R.A. Price, Queensland Cane Growers' Council.

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Brisbane, 2nd September, 1985

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TITLE: Request for Overseas Travel Assistance - Messrs. R.J. Soper and R.A. Price, Queensland Cane Growers' Council.

CABINET decided:-

That no action be taken to reimburse travel costs incurred by the Queensland Cane Growers' Council for attendance of its representatives at the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers meeting in Paris in October 1985.

CIRCULATION: Premier's Department and copy to Premier and Treasurer. Treasury Department and copy to Deputy Premier and Minister Assisting the Treasurer. Department of Primary Industries and copy to Minister. All other Ministers for perusal and return.

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F O R C A B I N E T

REQUEST FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL ASSISTANCE -

MESSRS. R.J. SOPER & R.A. PRICE,

QUEENSLAND CANE GROWERS' COUNCIL

1. The Queensland Cane Growers' Council has accepted an invitation from the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers (WABCG) to host the Third Conference of World Sugar Farmers in Queensland in 1987.
2. The Conference format/timing is to be decided by the Executive Committee of the WABCG at its meeting in Paris in October, 1985.
3. The Chairman of the Queensland Cane Growers' Council, Mr. F.J. Soper, has recently written to me (see copy of letter attached) to request that the Queensland Government give consideration to funding the travel to the Paris meeting of himself as Australia's representative on the WABCG Executive and for Council staff member, Mr. R.A. Price, who is Organiser - elect for the Conference. The estimated cost of travel and accommodation expenses is \$15,000.
4. Similar assistance may have to be sought for Messrs. Soper and Price to attend a further meeting of the WABCG Executive Meeting in Paris in June next year.
5. Submitted for the consideration of Cabinet.

J. BJELKE-PETERSEN,
PREMIER AND TREASURER.

Brisbane.

Date: 30th August, 1985.



Queensland Canegrowers

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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30 July, 1985

The Hon Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, KCMG, MLA,
Premier and Treasurer of Queensland,
Premier's Department,
15 Floor,
Executive Building,
100 George Street,
BRISBANE. QLD. 4000

My Dear Premier,

WORLD SUGAR FARMERS CONFERENCE Brisbane July/August, 1987

The Queensland Cane Growers' Council has accepted an invitation from the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers (WABCG) to host the Third Conference of World Sugar Farmers in Queensland in 1987.

The Council has proposed that the Conference take the form of an eight day inspection tour of the industry followed by a week's Conference in Brisbane during the period 25 July - 8 August, 1987. The Conference format/timing is to be decided by the Executive Committee of the WABCG at its meeting in Paris in October, 1985 and I write now to request that the Queensland Government give consideration to funding the travel to that Paris meeting of myself as Australia's representative on the WABCG Executive and for Council staff member, Mr R.A. Price, who is Organiser-elect for the Conference.

The objectives of the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers are "...to secure the fullest co-operation between organisations of sugar beet and sugar cane growers in meeting the optimal nutritional and consumption requirements of the peoples of the world and in improving the economic, technical and social status of sugar farmers throughout the world..."

It is hoped that the long period of depression in world sugar markets resulting from over-production by some sugar producing countries and the lack of an effective International Sugar Agreement will long have passed by August 1987. If the world sugar industry has returned to some semblance of normality, the

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Brisbane Conference of World Sugar Farmers will see the re-enforcement of the bridge between cane and beet producers established at their 1981 and 1984 conferences held in Mexico City and Paris respectively. If the industry is still in turmoil, the Conference will provide a forum for beet and cane farmers to consider both that situation and appropriate action to overcome the problem.

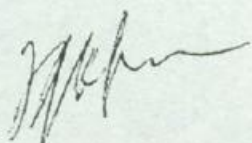
It is also expected that the Conference will bring some 250 delegates and their wives to Queensland, not just for discussions about sugar but also to enjoy the State's tourist attractions - and particularly the Great Barrier Reef which will almost certainly be the subject of an optional tour offered in conjunction with the Conference.

The tourist industry and the State could thus be expected to benefit substantially from the influx of delegates to the Sugar Farmers Conference. This factor and the stretched resources of the Council at this time of industry depression have caused me to request the Government to fund the October visit to Paris by Mr Price and myself. It is expected that the travel and accommodation expenses associated with the visit will be of the order of \$15,000 and I respectfully ask that your Government give consideration to providing these funds.

I would add that, although the Conference itself will be self-financed through an appropriate delegate registration fee, it is expected that the Conference Organiser-elect Mr Price and myself will need to attend a further meeting of the WABCG Executive Committee in Paris in June next year when we may again have to seek similar assistance from your Government.

I have forwarded copies of this letter to your Cabinet colleagues, the Minister for Primary Industries and the Minister for Industry, Small Business and Technology, for their information and support.

Yours sincerely,



F.J. SOPER
CHAIRMAN