

October 2, 1970

The Honorable James A. Graham
Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Jim:

I will certainly do anything I can to help the catfish farmers and will express my support for your position to the Department of Agriculture.

Incidentally, we all appreciated your part on the program at Winston-Salem. You are a great sport!

Cordially,

Richardson Preyer

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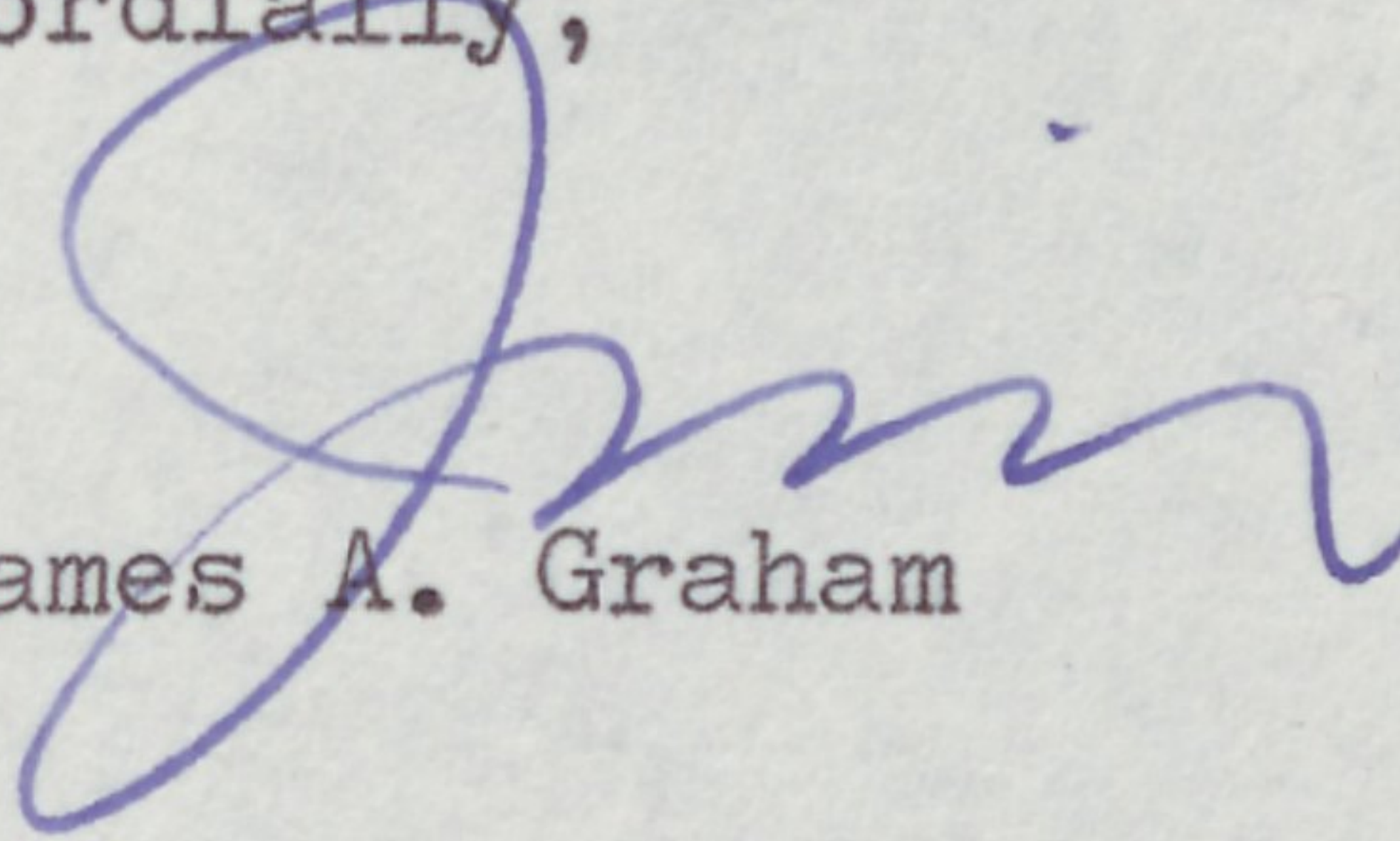
Dear Rich:

The potential for increasing agricultural income in North Carolina through catfish farming is a realistic endeavor. It has been brought to my attention that government assistance to catfish farmers now is available through the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Interior, and under President Nixon's proposed executive branch reorganization, would also include the Department of Commerce.

The North Carolina Catfish Farmers Association in conjunction with the Catfish Farmers of America feel that their position would be enhanced by the United States Department of Agriculture having the total responsibility for government assistance in working with the catfish industry.

Catfish farming is an agricultural enterprise, and I would appreciate your assistance in attempting to direct responsibilities for catfish work into the United States Department of Agriculture. I concur with our catfish farmers that this would make it easier to adequately develop this young agricultural enterprise of ours.

Cordially,


James A. Graham

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