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Mr. Thomas George
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Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 1996, and for your kind words of support.

I am pleased to see that you are promoting the culture of alternative species in Ontario, namely tilapia. I believe that your description of this species as a "miracle fish" is an accurate one. Tilapia is a high value species with great potential for culture in recirculating facilities. As new markets develop, the demand for this product will rise significantly.

I agree that Canadian ingenuity, determination and engineering have and will continue to satisfy foreign and domestic markets for high quality culture fish and shellfish products. By doing so, aquaculture is contributing to the economies of many of Canada's rural and coastal communities where employment opportunities would otherwise be few.

Thank you once again for your letter and I wish you continued success in this dynamic and growing field.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred J. Mifflin".

Fred J. Mifflin
Rear Admiral

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