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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Shrimp Escape Clause Case

The President reviewed your memorandum of June 29 and approved the recommendation of the Trade Policy Staff Committee as outlined in the above mentioned memorandum.

The necessary documents to implement this decision were signed by the President and are forwarded with a copy of this memorandum to Robert Linder for appropriate handling.

Please follow-up with any necessary action.

cc: Dick Cheney
Robert Linder

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN *fw5*

SUBJECT: Shrimp Escape Clause Case

On May 11, 1976, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) reported to you its finding that shrimps are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic shrimp industry. A majority of the Commissioners recommended the provision of adjustment assistance under Title II of the Trade Act of 1974.

Under Sections 202(a)(2) and 202(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, when the Commission recommends adjustment assistance as a remedy, you are required, within 60 days after receiving the report of the Commission, to direct the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor to provide expeditious consideration of petitions for adjustment assistance. Your directive must be published in the Federal Register within 60 days of receipt of the Commission's report, or by July 10, 1976, in this case.

A memorandum from Ambassador Dent on this case, including the recommendations of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, is attached at Tab A.

The Trade Policy Staff Committee unanimously concurred with the Commission's report and requirement by law that you direct the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor to give expedited consideration to petitions for adjustment assistance filed with them by the shrimp industry, its workers, and communities affected by shrimp imports.

Ambassador Dent's memorandum has been staffed to the appropriate White House offices not included on the Trade Policy Staff Committee. Their comments and recommendations are as follows:

James Cannon	Concur
Philip Buchen	No objection
John O. Marsh	Concur
Max Friedersdorf	Concur
Brent Scowcroft	Concur

Recommendation: I recommend that you approve the recommendation of the Trade Policy Staff Committee as outlined above.

Approved  Disapproved _____

If you approve this recommendation, the following documents for your signature are attached at Tab B:

1. A letter to the Secretary of Labor directing that he provide expeditious consideration to petitions for adjustment assistance filed by workers in the shrimp industry producing shrimp covered by the USITC determination.
2. A letter to the Secretary of Commerce directing him to give expeditious consideration to petitions for adjustment assistance filed by domestic firms producing shrimps covered by the USITC determination and by the communities impacted by imports of such shrimp.

These letters are to be published in the Federal Register.

Attachments