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THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed U. S. Response to Canadian Restrictions
on American Cattle and Beef Exports

This memorandum is to request your approval for embarking on a course of action to intensify pressure on Canada to rescind its unfair quota restrictions against American cattle and beef products. The action recommended could lead to retaliation by the United States. Secretary Butz, together with representatives of the Departments of State, Commerce, Agriculture, Treasury, and Labor, and the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, all believe the course of action laid out is desirable. It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations publish in the Federal Register a notice of public hearings. The purpose of the hearings will be to solicit views concerning the economic effects of the possible imposition by the United States of quotas on imports of cattle, swine, beef, veal, and pork from Canada.
2. During the period of hearings and subsequent Executive Branch evaluation, we will continue to examine any offers made by the Canadians to remove or modify the quotas.
3. The concerned agencies will evaluate the views expressed in the hearings and the status of the Canadian quotas and decide whether to recommend to you the imposition of U. S. restrictions. You will then be able to decide on the basis of considerations at that time, the appropriate course of action.

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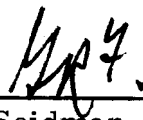
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However, if we embark on this approach now and the public pressure in the United States and Canada does not bring about favorable results, we would then, for reasons of negotiating credibility, and credibility with Congress, need to take some concrete action. Consequently, I am asking now for approval in principle to begin this process.



William D. Eberle

APPROVED



(Ash, Cole, Seidman, Scowcroft, Timmons concur.)

DISAPPROVED _____