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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT:

Mushrooms Escape Clause  
Case

The President reviewed your memorandum of May 13 on the above subject and approved the recommendation of the Trade Policy Committee as outlined in the above mentioned memorandum.

The appropriate letters to the Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Commerce to implement the President's decision were signed and forwarded to Robert Linder for processing.

cc: Dick Cheney  
Robert Linder

THE PRESIDENT WAS SEEN....

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WASHINGTON

May 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN *LWS*

SUBJECT: Mushrooms Escape Clause Case

On March 17, 1976, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) reported to you its finding that mushrooms are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic mushroom 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 May 16, 1976, in this case.

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

The Trade Policy 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 mushroom industry, its workers, and communities affected by mushroom imports.

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

James Cannon	Approve Trade Policy Committee recommendation
Philip Buchen	No objection
John O. Marsh	Approve Trade Policy Committee recommendation
Max Friedersdorf	Approve Trade Policy Committee recommendation
Brent Scowcroft	Approve Trade Policy Committee recommendation

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

Approved MAJ 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 mushroom industry producing mushrooms 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 mushrooms covered by the USITC determination and by communities impacted by imports of such mushrooms.

These letters are to be published in the Federal Register.

Attachments