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SUBJECT:

MUSHROOM IMPORTS

The President today asked the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Ambassador Frederick C. Dent, to ask the U.S. International Trade Commission to investigate possible import relief for the U.S. mushroom industry.

QUESTIONS: A full set of questions and answers has been prepared by the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations. In addition, STR has prepared a press release and background fact sheet, copies of which will be available in the White House Press Office after today's briefing.

BACKGROUND: There has been a dramatic increase in imports of canned mushrooms during the past six months. This increase threatens the U.S. growers, and may require that expedited trade adjustment assistance for the growers, canners and employees be granted under the import relief provisions of the trade act.

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