

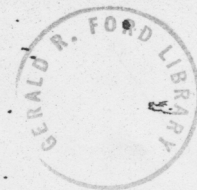
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I COULD NOT COME TO SIOUX CITY, THE HEART OF THE SLAUGHTER
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, AND NOT SAY A WORD ABOUT THE PRODUCTION OF MEAT
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, AND ESPECIALLY CATTLE FEEDERS, HAVE CALLED TO
THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR THE
FINANCIAL WRINGER THEY ARE BEING PUT THROUGH. ADJUSTING TO HIGHER
FEED COSTS AND INCREASED SUPPLY OF BEEF ANIMALS IS A PAINFUL PROCESS



I HAVE TODAY MADE THREE POLICY DECISIONS WHICH I BELIEVE

WILL RELIEVE SOME OF THE ANXIETY IN THE INDUSTRY AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE

AMONG PRODUCERS SO THAT THE INDUSTRY CAN AGAIN BECOME PROFITABLE.



FIRST, THIS ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO CARRY OUT THE

CONTENT OF THE MEAT IMPORT LAW. IF IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE

MEAT IMPORT LAW THREATEN TO PICK UP MARKEDLY DURING THE NEXT YEAR

AND THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF 1975 IMPORTS EXCEEDS THE

RIGID LEVEL UNDER THE MEAT IMPORT LAW, I WILL EITHER IMPOSE QUOTAS.

OR NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN

SUPPLIERS.

SECOND, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF DAIRY IMPORT QUOTAS WITHOUT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF MARKET CONDITIONS AND FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR DAIRY PRODUCERS TO BE HEARD AT THAT TIME.

THIRD, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT GOING TO PERMIT FOREIGN DAIRY PRODUCERS TO COMPETE AGAINST AMERICAN DAIRYMEN IN THE U. S. MARKET WITH SUBSIDIZED PRODUCTS. IF THE EUROPEANS REINSTITUTE THEIR EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON DAIRY PRODUCTS DIRECTED AT THIS MARKET, I WILL IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON THESE PRODUCTS.

IN ADDITION, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY BUTZ TO INVESTIGATE
INCREASING U.S.D.A. PURCHASES OF GROUND BEEF FOR USE IN THE
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. THESE PURCHASES WOULD PROVIDE
MORE HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO SCHOOLS FOR USE IN THIS PROGRAM.

THIS PURCHASE WILL NOT BE AN ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE GOVERNMENT,
AS THE U.S.D.A. IS OBLIGATED BY LAW TO FINANCE EACH SCHOOL LUNCH
SERVED BY 10 CENTS, EITHER IN CASH OR IN COMMODITIES.

October 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you so much for your October 2nd letter regarding our recent meeting on the problem of the beef producers.

The President's schedule is extremely heavy at this time, however, I will forward your letter to appropriate staff personnel for further review. As soon as I have a response, I will be back in touch with you.

Sincerely,

**W. Eugene Ainsworth, Jr.
Special Assistant to
the President**

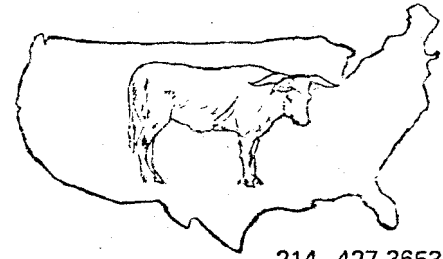
**Mr. E. L. Moore
President
Independent Beef Producers of America
Post Office Box 1011
Clarksville, Texas 75426**

bcc: Norm Ross w/incoming for early response.

GEA:nb



INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS OF AMERICA



P. O. BOX 1011

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OCT 7 1974

October 2, 1974

Mr. Gene Ainsworth
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

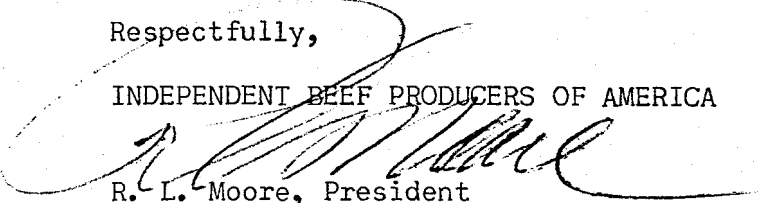
It was a pleasure to have made your acquaintance and your kind invitation for us to meet in the White House was greatly appreciated. Our visit to Washington was very successful and upon our return to Texas the beef producers organized into a group called "Independent Beef Producers of America", and I was elected President of this organization.

Mr. Ainsworth, would it be possible for me as their leader to visit with the President. The beef producer does not believe President Ford is aware of our problems. I could be in Washington on very short notice if you could arrange such a meeting.

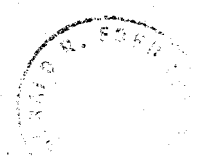
Please let me hear from you as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS OF AMERICA


R. L. Moore, President

RLM:wp



**MEMORANDUM
OF CALL**

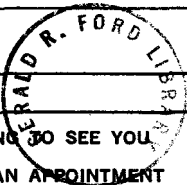
TO:

For file

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. _____
 WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
 RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT



MESSAGE

*Been talked to
Thomson's office
re 10/30 mtg. — told
him of subsequent mtg.
at which time these names*

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

will be used,

Also send

● - Press release
re 10/30 mtg.

I hoped

subsequent

of held -

later ^{date} ~~to~~ & to 1



your recommended
representative ~~of~~

to this family,
Commit -> also.

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OCT 23 1974

October 22, 1974

Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

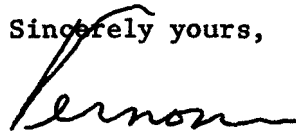
The farmers in my District, as elsewhere, are vitally concerned about the present market situation. In keeping with the President's policy of accessibility, it would be advisable for him to meet with representatives of the farm community in the very near future.

I spoke with Vern Loen about this last week because there are several people in my area who are well qualified to represent the farm community in this meeting. A list of their names is enclosed. These people are knowledgeable members of their particular business concerns and can offer experience and insight to solutions. In a conversation with Agriculture Undersecretary Clayton Weutter two years ago, Mr. Ferguson's wife accurately anticipated many of the problems we face today.

The situation is critical, Max; we need answers. I believe a meeting with President Ford will help. These gentlemen are willing to come to Washington at any time. I will appreciate your help in arranging this meeting in the near future.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Vernon W. Thomson, M.C.

VWT/kss



Mr. Ronald Wright, Farm Director
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October 24, 1974

Max L. Friedersdorf
Deputy Assistant to
the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Max:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 21, 1974,
regarding the problems facing the diarymen and livestock
producers.

I was very pleased to read that the President will be
meeting with representatives of the dairy and cattle indus-
try and, if at all possible, I would greatly appreciate
it if I could attend this meeting. Since the farmers and
ranchers in my District have been greatly affected by
the cost-price situation, I feel my attendance at such a
meeting would be extremely beneficial.

I look forward to hearing from you further on this matter.

Sincerely,


BOB MATHIAS
U. S. Congressman

RM:bt

Barbara advised of make-up of
10/30 mtg - advised we will
hold request for proposed expanded
mtg. UK 10-25.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Oct. 28, 1974

10:45 am

BT:

Phone call from Mr. Shacklette, AA to Wright Patman.

Patman wants to make sure that Mr. Larry Gamblin is invited to meeting of cattlemen with the President on Wed., Oct. 30th. Has sent a telegram (Saturday) to the President c/o Max, requesting this.

Gamblin was with group that earlier wanted to see the President, but met instead with Secy. Butz and Mrs. Armstrong (whom Shacklette says is now campaigning for Patman's Republican opponent). They were unable to see the President and are very unhappy.

Patman says, "I will be deeply hurt if the President does not do this for me."

Gamblin heads up a large group of independent dairymen in the largest dairy county in Texas.

Gamblin's phone is 214/866-2536.

Who is handling this meeting?

sj

BT to Warren Rustand: "Can do? Who is handling this meeting?"



December 6, 1978

Dear Carlton:

In view of your interest in the problem of Canadian embargoes against American beef, you may be interested in the enclosed press briefing following the President's meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau on December 4.

You will note on page 5 that it is hoped current discussions continuing into January will produce a solution to this problem.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

**Vernon C. Loeb
Special Assistant to
the President**

**Honorable Carlton J. King
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

VCL:acb

Enclosure - Press Conf. release of Dec. 4 (Arthur A. Hartman)



MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO: Max

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Cong King
OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. 5615
CODE/EXT.

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Tell Vern that
King wants to
know on Canadian
Beef cut off



RECEIVED BY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

12/4 4:30

TO:

get lift embargo
on imports

discussed w Trudeau
- no agreement

wants to know when
agreement will -

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

4:30

1/4