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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1976

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I very much appreciate your letter of March 30, with your request that the United States withhold action imposing countervailing duties on imports of beef from the European Community. I agree that the circumstances are regrettable, especially in view of the relatively small quantities of beef involved, but the policy discretion available under our law is limited and the Treasury Department has no choice but to proceed with countervailing action.

Late in 1975, it became clear that under our Trade Act countervailing duties would have to be imposed immediately if beef which benefitted from restitution payments were shipped to the United States in 1976. This was communicated to officials of both the Irish Government and the European Community on several occasions. It was also communicated to domestic groups in the United States, and countervailing duty action in 1975 was thereby forestalled. Early this year, however, it was learned that a small amount of beef had been exported again in 1976, and only with considerable difficulty was the Treasury Department able to persuade the U.S. domestic industry not to press for countervailing duties. The Treasury Department has subsequently become aware that substantially greater quantities of beef have in fact been shipped, and it is no longer possible to avoid action.

With respect to your concern regarding beef quotas, it should be pointed out that the United States has not imposed quotas on imports of Irish beef. The four million pound figure to which you refer represents a market estimate of likely imports



based on the total amount of beef received by the United States thus far in 1976. Countervailing duty action, however, is likely to preclude further imports.

I hope you will understand that the Treasury Department's decision to apply countervailing duties on beef from the European Community has been taken as a result of firm commitments, previously undertaken under our law and communicated to all concerned parties, as to the manner of dealing with continued restitution payments on meat shipments.

I want to emphasize most strongly my hope that this should not be interpreted in any way as a diminution of the resolve I expressed during your most welcome visit to strengthen even further the already excellent relations between the United States and Ireland. I look forward to continuing close consultations on all matters of concern to our countries.

Warm personal regards,

*Gerald R. Ford*

His Excellency  
Liam Cosgrave  
Prime Minister  
of Ireland  
Dublin



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Date: 4/13/76  
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Prime Minister Cosgrave

From: President Ford

Date: 4/13/76

Subject: Beef Imports

ACTION REQUESTED:

Draft reply for:  President's Signature  
 White House Staff  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Direct reply  Furnish info copy

XXXX = Dispatch  Translation

Recommendations / Comments  Appropriate Handling

Other  Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

*J. R. Ruckelshaus*  
for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRAL

To: The Honorable William Simon  
Secretary  
Treasury Department

Date: 4/13/76

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- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
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- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
  - Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

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From: President Ford  
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By direction of the President:

*Jeane W. Davis*  
for Jeane W. Davis  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*  
SUBJECT: Irish Beef Imports

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State, Treasury and Seidman concur. The text has been cleared by Bob Hartmann.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Cosgrave at Tab A.



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April 9, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
FROM: MALCOLM BUTLER *MB*  
SUBJECT: Letter from Irish Prime Minister on  
Beef Imports

Prime Minister Cosgrave of Ireland has written the President expressing his concern about the pending imposition of countervailing duties on US imports of Irish beef.

At Tab I is a memorandum to the President recommending that he sign the response at Tab A. The response notes that the Irish and the EC have been fully informed that we would impose countervailing duties if subsidized exports continued, and that the President has little policy discretion in this matter.

Treasury will countervail once they have received a formal statement from Customs, probably in about ten days.

State, Treasury, Seidman, and Hartmann concur.

Bob Hormats and Denis Clift concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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30 March 1976

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We have also been very deeply concerned to be told by another Embassy in Washington that our quota allocation for the present year has been cut from eight million pounds to four million pounds with a view to increasing the allocations to Australia and New Zealand.

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Yours sincerely

Liam Cosgrave  
Prime Minister of Ireland

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C.



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March 30 1976

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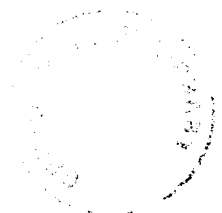
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AMBASÁID NA H ÉIREANN  
EMBASSY OF IRELAND  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Forwarded with the compliments  
of the  
Embassy of Ireland  
Washington, D. C.*



April 2, 1976.

Dear Mr. MacDonald,

I now enclose herewith full details of all shipments of beef from Ireland to the United States during 1976. Included are some shipments made late in December 1975. In fact these lists give details of all exports since the middle of December. The total amount is 2,335,738 pounds.

As there obviously have been some misunderstandings in the Administration in Washington about our beef exports, I think it might be useful to avail myself of this opportunity to record some pertinent points.

Your telephone call to me of February 26th, 1976, was the first time any member of this Embassy discussed the question of Irish beef exports with yourself or anybody at the Treasury. There was no exchange whatsoever written or oral between us prior to this date on this matter.

On February 26th you told me that you had information that 500 tons of beef had been shipped this year and said you would be glad to have confirmation of this. On March 1st I received a message from our Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin, and relayed its contents to you on March 2nd by telephone. The following is the precise wording:-

"Insofar as details of shipments are concerned our information is that shipments to the U.S. for 1976 amount to 525 tons. We estimate that all of this with the exception of approx. 50 tons should have been landed in the United States by now."

I cannot of course state with certainty at this stage that when conveying the above message to you I used the exact words quoted. At that time it probably did not seem so important. The emphasis was then on confirmation.

On the next day (March 3rd) I passed on to you the following message exactly as received from Dublin:-

"Please inform United States authorities, both State and Treasury, that -

1. We are now suspending exports of beef for a month or so. There may be small quantities at sea but we are checking up on that.

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2. We are now looking into this whole question  
(of our beef exports to the United States).

In the light of these undertakings we would hope that they (United States authorities) would defer taking action with regard to imposition of countervailing duties. Grateful if you could report United States reaction ASAP."

This was a firm commitment whereas the figure of 525 tonnes received by us two days earlier was an estimate based on details of shipments available at that time to our Department of Agriculture officials. You will appreciate that there must necessarily be a lag between the issuance of veterinary certificates at local factory level and the receipt at headquarters of copies of such certificates. It is understandable if, because of the proximity of my messages of the 2nd and 3rd, they tended to become linked as they did in your letter to me of 4th March. However, our firm assurance was to discontinue shipments after March 4th. The final shipment as you will see from the attached list was indeed on the 4th March and this, as well as other recent shipments and shipments made earlier for which returns to H.Q. had not been made, could not possibly have been included in the total sent to us on March 1st. When I received your letter I realized how important it was to avoid any misunderstandings and stressed to our authorities in Dublin that an exact final figure should be obtained at the earliest possible date. This was telexed to me on 12th March and immediately conveyed to you. The figure was 1,113 tons. In fact that figure has since been revised downwards as you can see and is somewhat less than 1,100 tons.

Copies of this letter and enclosures are being forwarded to those listed below for the purpose of clarification also in view of the misunderstandings surrounding this whole matter.

Sincerely yours,

R.G. Cullen

R. G. Cullen  
Agricultural Counselor.

Mr. David R. MacDonald  
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
15th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

c.c. Mr. D. L. Huse, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service.  
Mr. Julius L. Katz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Dept. of State.

Mr. R. Hornats, White House  
Mr. N. Achilles, Department of State.  
Mr. H. de Lange, E.C. Delegation, Washington D.C.



DETAILS OF BEEF CONSIGNMENTS SHIPPED IN THE  
PERIOD FROM 17 DECEMBER 1975 TO 4 MARCH 1976

| <u>DATE OF CERTIFICATION</u> | <u>CONSIGNOR</u>  | <u>CONSIGNEE</u>   | <u>CONTAINER NO</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| 29.12.75                     | Irish Meat Packers,<br>Leixlip  | Gurrentz International Corp<br>200 Sth Craig St<br>Pittsburg, Pa   | SEAU 22734          | 11220 LBS       |
| 29.12.75                     | Clover,<br>Waterford  | Gurrentz International Corp<br>Pittsburg   | SEAU 22734          | 8340 LBS        |
| 29.12.75                     | Kildare Chilling Co.  | Gurrentz International Corp<br>200 Sth Craig St<br>Pittsburg, Pa   | SEAU 22734          | 1440 LBS        |
| 29.12.75                     | International Meat Co   | Gurrentz International<br>200 Sth Craig St<br>Pittsburg, Pa  | SEAU 22734          | 12480 LBS       |
| 29.12.75                     | Premier Meats   | Gurrentz International Corp<br>200 Sth Craig St<br>Pittsburg, Pa   | SEAU 28292          | 39000 LBS       |
| 29.12.75                     | Premier Meats   | Gurrentz International Corp<br>200 Sth Craig St<br>Pittsburg, Pa   | SEAU 22734          | 5520 LBS        |
| 2.1.76                       | Trans Ocean Meat Co Ltd.<br>Boundary House<br>91/93 Charterhouse St<br>London E.C.1. M6HR | Beacon Food Products<br>P.O. Box 457<br>3105 McArthur Boulevard<br>Nthur Boulevard<br>Northbreak, Illinois 60062 | USLU 430/685/3      | 37324 LBS       |
| 2.1.76                       | Trans Ocean Meat Co Ltd.<br>Boundary House<br>91/93 Charterhouse St<br>London E.C.1. M6HR | Beacon Food Products<br>P.O. Box 457<br>3105 McArthur Boulevard<br>Northbreak, Illinois 60062                    | USLU 430/031/0      | 37324 LBS       |

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| 7.1.76                       | International Meat Co                       | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 29394          | 39000 LBS       |
| 8.1.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip                 | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 20947          | 39000 LBS       |
| 9.1.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip                 | Star Importing Co<br>183 Columbia St<br>Hanover, Mass 02339            | SEAU 29672          | 39000 LBS       |
| 12.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers<br>Middleton<br>Co. Dork | Star Importing Co.   | SEAU 20578          | 39000 LBS       |
| 12.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers<br>Middleton<br>Co. Cork | Star Importing Co.   | SEAU 200543         | 39000 LBS       |
| 19.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip                 | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 28671          | 39000 LBS       |
| 19.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers                          | Star Importing Co.   | SEAU 21707          | 39000 LBS       |
| 20.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers<br>Middleton<br>Co. Dork | Star Importing Co.   | SEAU 29830          | 39000 LBS       |
| 21.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip                 | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 26677          | 39000 LBS       |
| 22.1.76                      | International Meat Co                       | Horizon Importing Corp<br>Box 1026<br>Valley Road<br>Wayne, N.J. 07470 | SEAU 20895          | 39000 LBS       |
| 27.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers<br>Middleton             | Horizon Importing Corp   | SEAU 29280          | 39000 LBS       |
| 26.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers<br>Middleton             | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 200017         | 39000 LBS       |

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| 23.2.76                      | International Meat Co         | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 26756          | 39000 LBS       |
| 17.2.76                      | International Meat Co         | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 200453         | 14760 LBS       |
| 26.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc.      | SEAU 20401          | 39000 LBS       |
| 17.2.76                      | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | 28-767              | 39000 LBS       |
| 18.2.76                      | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | SEAU 200-151        | 39000 LBS       |
| 18.2.76                      | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | 21-552              | 39000 LBS       |
| 19.2.76                      | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | 26-586              | 39000 LBS       |
| 19.2.76                      | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | 28-169              | 39000 LBS       |
| 16.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Horizon Importing Inc.      | SEAU 200418         | 39000 LBS       |
| 16.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Horizon Importing Inc.      | SEAU 21231          | 39000 LBS       |
| 17.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Midleton  | Horizon Importing Inc.      | SEAU 28267          | 39000 LBS       |
| 20.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 20524          | 39000 LBS       |
| 9.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 28236          | 39000 LBS       |
| 13.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 26926          | 39000 LBS       |
| 12.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 22627          | 39000 LBS       |
| 11.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc.      | SEAU 22025          | 39000 LBS       |
| 11.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 26790          | 39000 LBS       |
| 13.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Midleton  | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 26703          | 39000 LBS       |
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| 13.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Gurrentz International Corp  | 200453              | 24240 LBS       |
| 24.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | SEAU 26-771         | 39000 LBS       |
| 24.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | SEAU 28-100         | 39000 LBS       |
| 25.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | 21-613              | 39000 LBS       |
| 25.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | HLCU 4700 293       | 39000 LBS       |
| 25.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 |  | 22-166              | 39000 LBS       |
| 25.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | 21-125              | 39000 LBS       |
| 26.2.76                      | Kildare Meats                 | M & N Trading  | HCLU 4700930        | 39000 LBS       |
| 27.1.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Horizon Importing Inc  | SEAU 26795          | 39000 LBS       |
| 27.1.76                      | International Meat Co         | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 29613          | 39000 LBS       |
| 28.1.76                      | Border of Sengen (Dublin) Ltd | Horizon Importing Inc  | USLU 430 050        | 38090 LBS       |
| 5.2.76                       | International Meat Co         | Gurrentz International Corp  | SEAU 20569          | 39000 LBS       |
| 4.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc  | SEAU 26793          | 39000 LBS       |
| 4.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc  | SEAU 26138          | 39000 LBS       |
| 4.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc  | SEAU 29229          | 39000 LBS       |
| 4.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | M & N Meats Co<br>201 Penn Center Boulevard<br>Pittsburg, Pa 15235 | SEAU 26720          | 39000 LBS       |
| 13.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Middleton | Horizon Importing Inc  | SEAU 26307          | 39000 LBS       |

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| 9.2.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Midleton  | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 29278          | 39000 LBS       |
| 20.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 29743          | 39000 LBS       |
| 19.2.76                      | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 21472          | 39000 LBS       |
| 2.3.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Midleton  | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 22689          | 39000 LBS       |
| 1.3.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Midleton  | M & N Meats                 | SEAU 22565          | 39000 LBS       |
| 1.3.76                       | International Meat Co         | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 20015          | 39000 LBS       |
| 2.3.76                       | International Meat Co         | Horizon Importing Inc       | SEAU 26940          | 39000 LBS       |
| 2.3.76                       | Irish Meat Packers, Leixlip   | Gurrentz International Corp | SEAU 29041          | 39000 LBS       |
| 4.3.76                       | Kildare Meats Ltd             | M & N Trading Corp          | HLCU 4700879        | 39000 LBS       |

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008



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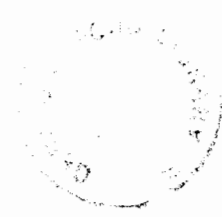
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SUBJECT: Ack ltr to Pres from PM Cosgrave of Ireland re decrease in beef export quota & establishment of countervailing duties

SOURCE/CLASS/DESCRIPTION

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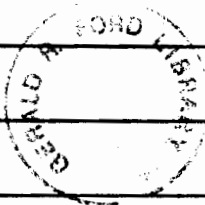
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT



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EMBASSY OF IRELAND  
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*Forwarded with the compliments  
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6 April 1976

The President  
The White House  
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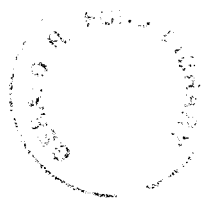
Now that I have been home for a while I would like to confirm the telegram I sent before leaving America. For Mrs. Cosgrave and me - and indeed for the whole party - the visit was a magnificent illustration of all that is best and most generous in American hospitality. Its organisation demonstrated for every one of us the efficiency with which you get things done.

I value highly the relationship we established in the White House on 17th March - and am particularly appreciative of the understanding you and Dr. Kissinger showed on that day. I think that this relationship was indeed reflected in a special way in the hospitality which you and Mrs. Ford extended to us later in the evening and in the presents which you so generously gave us. We will always value these, not only for their intrinsic worth, but as reminders of a truly memorable occasion.

You may be interested to know that on returning here I took steps to ensure that our appreciation and an account of the matters dealt with during our visit were placed on record in Dáil Éireann. I think that the reception in the House of my statement confirms my view that the visit added a new dimension to relations between our two countries.

Mrs. Cosgrave and I look forward to meeting you and Mrs. Ford, and your children, when you come to see us in Ireland and hope to be able to reciprocate, in our own way, all the kindness you have shown us.

*With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Liam Cosgrave.*



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