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IN A MEETING TODAY WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ, I
MADE IT CLEAR THAT REDUCTION OF BEEF IMPORTS MADE AN ISSUE
OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. I ALSO INFORMED HIM OF FACTS I HAD GATHERED
LAST WEEKEND WHEN I MET WITH KANSAS LIVESTOCK MEN IN GARDEN CITY.

BUTZ SAID THAT MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE A VOLUNTARY

REDUCTION OF EXPORTS BY AUSTRALIA. HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT THE WHITE

HOUSE CONFERENCE I HAD REQUESTED LAST WEEK WHEN I MET WITH THE PRESIDENT,

WILL BE HELD NEXT.MONDAY.

I PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT CONFERENCE WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE LIVESTOCK MEN, PACKERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RETAIL OUTLETS.