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and
AUSTRALIA**

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I

The Australian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

February 17, 1964

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions in Washington between representatives of the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States with regard to the desire of the Government of the United States to arrive at an understanding concerning the level of future exports of Australian beef, veal, and mutton to the United States. As a result of these discussions, I have further the honour to propose that the following Agreement shall become effective between our Governments :

The Governments of Australia and the United States have agreed to the following measures in the interest of promoting the orderly development of trade in beef, veal, and mutton between Australia and the United States. In assuming the following obligations, the Governments of Australia and the United States are seeking as well to preserve approximately the present pattern of trade in beef, veal, and mutton between the two countries.

1. Accordingly, the Australian Government shall limit exports from Australia to the United States of beef, veal, and mutton (in all forms except canned, cured and cooked meat and live animals), in accordance with the following :

- (a) Exports shall be limited to a total of 242,000 long tons in calendar year 1964, 251,000 long tons in calendar year 1965, and 260,000 long tons in calendar year 1966, all in terms of product weight.
- (b) In each succeeding calendar year there shall be an increase, corresponding to the estimated rate of increase in the total United States market for these meats. This increase in the total United States market is presently estimated to be 3.7 percent annually.
- (c) The purpose of the annual increases established in paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) is to secure to Australia a fair and reasonable share in the growth of the United States

¹ Came into force on 17 February 1964 by the exchange of the said notes.

market. There shall be a triennial review and, as appropriate, an adjustment of this estimated rate of increase in consumption to apply to the succeeding three-year period. The first such review shall take place no later than October 1, 1966.

- (d) Australia shall maintain approximately the present relationship between beef and mutton exports to the United States.
- (e) Australia shall use its best endeavours to limit its exports to the United States of better-quality primal cuts of beef and veal, such as steaks and roasts, approximately to the percentage these cuts currently constitute of total annual exports of beef and veal from Australia to the United States.

2. Australia undertakes to limit its exports to the United States upon the understanding that Australia will not be adversely affected by such limitations in relation to the position of other substantial suppliers in the United States market and so long as Australia's access to the United States market for beef, veal, and mutton is not limited by an increase in the duties on these products.

3. The United States Government shall continue to permit access each year into the United States for beef, veal, and mutton exported from Australia, up to the maximum quantity determined for that year in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) of this Agreement.

4. The Governments shall continue to take an active and leading role in negotiating in the GATT,¹ in harmony with the objectives agreed at the Ministerial meeting of the GATT in May 1963, arrangements leading to expanding access in meat importing countries.

5. Should such a wider international arrangement be reached, it could subsume this Agreement.

6. The Governments agree to consult, at the request of either Government, on any questions arising on the implementation of this Agreement.

7. Either Government may terminate this Agreement, effective at the end of a calendar year, by written notice given at least 180 days prior to the end of that calendar year.

If these proposals are acceptable to your Government, this note and your note of acceptance shall form an Agreement between our Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[SEAL] Howard BEALE

The Honourable the Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

¹ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 55, p. 187; for subsequent actions relating to this Agreement, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 1 to 4, as well as Annex A in volumes 402, 405, 411, 419, 421, 424, 425, 429, 431, 435, 438, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 449, 451, 452, 456, 460, 462, 463, 468, 471, 474, 475, 476, 478, 483, 489, 496 and 501.

II

The Secretary of State to the Australian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Feb. 17, 1964

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to your note of February 17, 1964, concerning trade in beef, veal, and mutton between Australia and the United States which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the United States that the Agreement outlined in your note is acceptable to the United States Government and will govern trade in beef, veal, and mutton between Australia and the United States.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

George W. BALL

His Excellency the Honorable
Sir Howard Beale, K.B.E., Q.C.
Australian Ambassador

RELATED LETTER

*The Australian Ambassador to the Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of Economic Affairs, Department of State*

EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.
The Ambassador

February 17, 1964

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

During negotiation of the Agreement concluded today¹ concerning trade in beef, veal and mutton between Australia and the United States, you stated your expectation that in allocating the quantities permitted to be exported, or in taking

¹ See p. 18 of this volume.

any other measures in implementation of the Agreement, my Government would not introduce any discrimination against United States-owned meat-industry interests in Australia in favour of locally owned companies.

I should like to assure you on behalf of my Government that United States enterprises in the Australian beef, veal and mutton industries shall not be subject to any discrimination in the implementation of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Howard BEALE

Mr. Jerome Jacobson
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Bureau of Economic Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.