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Dear ...:

I have had a number of communications with respect to the recent flooding of the market with New Zealand meat and I took occasion to check upon the importations of meat from New Zealand by way of Canada. I understand that when we imposed an embargo on Canada because of hoof and mouth disease, the Dominion managed to export beef to New Zealand and accept beef in return which was free from disease. It is this New Zealand beef which is coming into the country and is being exported from Canada so that she will not lose the benefit of the dollar exchange which she would normally derive from the sales of her own beef in this country were it not for the embargo.

It is my understanding also that there is involved about 50 million pounds and I presume the effect of this amount upon the American market will soon be spent.

Let me assure you this is having earnest attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen