I have the honour to inform you that on 14 December 1984 I received from the United States Trade Representative the following communication:

"I have been instructed by my government to advise you that, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 8(a) of the International Dairy Arrangement (IDA), the United States hereby gives notice of withdrawal from the Arrangement, effective 60 days from this date. After reviewing recent decisions of the LOT which have effectively invalidated key provisions of this Arrangement, my government has concluded that continued participation by the United States in the IDA is no longer appropriate."

In accordance with paragraph 8(a) of Article VIII of the Arrangement, the withdrawal shall become effective on 12 February 1985.

Arthur Dunkel
Director-General