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The following communication dated 17 April 1985 has been received from the Australian Permanent Mission.

Questions

A. DAIRY

1. After 30 years, what progress has been made towards terminating or, at least, suspending Section 22 controls on dairy products? Alternatively, has there been any progress even towards modifying these controls?
2. Since the current price support regime has reduced United States domestic dairy surplus situation, can the United States give consideration to relaxing Section 22 controls as envisaged under the terms and conditions of the waiver? If not, what circumstances would allow some modification to occur?
3. Is the United States prepared to reimpose some production control regime on dairy?
4. Would the Administration's proposals for amendments to the Dairy Programme (i.e. in the context of the 1985 Farm Bill) result in the termination of Section 22?

B. SUGAR

Could the US delegate provide an assessment of how the changes to the Farm Bill proposed by the US Administration will affect the need of the United States to resort to special protective mechanisms for sugar, including import fees? At what stage would these changes allow the United States to forego any need for special protective measures in the case of sugar?