

DRAFT TV CLIP ON MEAT IMPORTS

To counter recent rises in the cost of meat, I have today directed removal of all restrictions on meat imports for the balance of 1972.

~~Meat prices have been rising in part because our improving~~  
*Price of meat has been rising because*  
~~economy has brought increased demands for meat which have~~  
*increased demands have not been*  
~~been~~ matched by increased supplies. This action is designed

to increase the supply,

*In the meantime*

~~This alone may not fully solve the problem. We will take~~

*I intend to take*

whatever further measures are necessary and appropriate. ~~I~~

~~can assure every American housewife that this Administration~~

~~is firmly determined to prevent unjustified increases in the cost~~

of food.

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*while increased supplies from abroad will not have an immediate effect in reducing the price in the supermarkets, but this action will definitely help in the future*