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Ziegler Denies Dairy Price 'Influence'

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif.,
Aug. 25—White House Press
Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler
denied today that political
contributions from the dairy
industry had influenced ad-
ministration decisions on
dairy price supports.

Asked about a Washington
Post story describing contribu-
tions and subsequent boosts in
the price support, Ziegler re-
plied:

"This story has appeared
many times and I have noth-
ing new to add. It is a normal
procedure for the Secretary of
Agriculture to determine fed-
eral price support levels."

Asked if the contributions
influenced the Secretary's de-
cision, Ziegler said "they did
not."