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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 administration decisions on dairy price supports.

Asked about a Washington Post story describing contributions and subsequent boosts in the price support, Ziegler replied:

"This story has appeared many times and I have nothing new to add. It is a normal procedure for the Secretary of Agriculture to determine federal price support levels."

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