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STOCKING THE LARDER — Barbara Bush accepts a bunch of broccoli Monday.

Counteroffensive in White House food fight

The First Family's food fight escalated Monday, when **Barbara Bush** embraced a bunch of broccoli and launched into an attack on that favorite presidential snack: pork rinds.

The First Lady conceded she could not reverse her husband's vow never to eat broccoli again, but she said she can play that game, too.

"I am never going to eat pork rinds. Ever," she told a throng of reporters on the White House lawn, where she accepted a gift of 10,000 pounds of broccoli the produce industry is donating to soup kitchens.

The family dispute over broccoli broke into the open last week, when Bush admitted that he hates the green vegetable and his wife declared that she likes eating it.

Sensing a great publicity opportunity, California produce growers announced that they would ship a supply of broccoli to the

White House. Bush promptly designated his wife to receive the delegation.

George Dunlop, president of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, presented Barbara Bush with three cases of broccoli for the White House kitchens and some recipes that "just might intrigue the President to take the plunge into the wonderful world of fresh broccoli."

"I'm going to tell you the honest truth: the President is never going to eat broccoli," the First Lady informed the industry officials, who sported broccoli boutonnieres and gave her a broccoli bouquet wrapped in a white ribbon.

Barbara Bush, chairwoman of the nationwide "Second Harvest" drive to donate food to the hungry, said she and her pet dog **Millie** would find a good use for the broccoli. "We'll eat it."