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Dear Prime Minister,

As one of your European Members of Parliament, I should like to thank you very much for having spared so much of your valuable time to see us last Wednesday. I can assure you that your words of encouragement, particularly in regard to our part of the battle on the Community Budget and Britain's contributions to it, were enormously well received.

We carefully noted your words about trade and we shall make certain that we continue to bring maximum pressure to bear on the Commission, particularly in regard to stepping up anti-dumping procedures. Although, like yourself, an enemy of bureaucracy, I have to say that the Commission are grossly under-staffed in the area of controlling dumping and we will have to do something about this. In my role as Spokesman of the REX Committee and Rapporteur for Japan, I shall do my utmost to see that Britain's trading interests are properly looked after. It is particularly important in the case of Japan that we do not allow individual nations within the Community to "do their own thing" in regard to trading with Japan as we can be certain that the Japanese will only thrive upon such disunity.

We were sorry that you were unable to be with us at the conclusion of our one day Small Business Conference. In your absence, Lord Thorneycroft was our Guest of Honour at Dinner and we were able to have the assistance throughout the Conference of David Mitchell. There is a crying need to simplify procedures for the small businessman either trying to get aid from the Community or endeavouring to set up business contacts within it. We propose to start the ball rolling by bringing out a useful and simple publication to help them in this regard.

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Your Leadership continues to inspire us and we shall continue to do our utmost in the European Parliament to serve you well.

Yours sincerely

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