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**PRIME MINISTER'S
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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 September,

Dear Prime Minister,

I hope that when we meet later this month, on the eve of our two countries' new partnership in the European Community, we will be able to mark a real advance in economic and commercial cooperation between our two countries. The importance of such cooperation has been given additional weight by the difficult economic situation which confronts us all. These factors were much in our minds here when Her Majesty's Government signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Cooperation last November.

I understand that discussions between our authorities and industrial interests on the power station, coal supplies and deliveries of North Sea oil have reached a point where in practical terms there are only a few limited points to be cleared up. As it stands, the whole package will be a unique, competitive and highly attractive arrangement which will serve to broaden the range of your energy supplies. I can assure you that it will have my Government's continuing support.

I am very conscious of the efforts already made by all concerned. But I trust that you will feel able to agree that we should call upon our experts to bend every effort to achieve a balanced outcome in time for announcement in the course of our talks in Athens.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. George Rallis