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From the Private Secretary

23 May 1979

Milk Prices

The Prime Minister has considered your Minister's further letter of 22 May on the above subject, and has now agreed - in the light of the additional arguments put forward - that the increase in the retail price of milk should be 1½p as your Minister originally proposed. She is also content that the announcement should be made on Thursday.. I should be grateful if you would ensure that this is after Prime Minister's Questions and not before.

I am sending copies of this letter to Tom Harris (Department of Trade), John Wilson (Scottish Office), George Craig (Welsh Office), Joe Pilling (Northern Ireland Office), Tony Battishill (H.M. Treasury) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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