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Dear Malcolm,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September.

You will already be aware that final agreement was reached on a sheepmeat regime at the Agriculture Council on 30 September. The Community is now aiming to implement on 20 October the new agreements which have been negotiated with Australia and the other significant supplier countries.

The fact that Mr. Anthony was able to reach agreement with the Commission on acceptable terms gives me and my Cabinet colleagues great satisfaction. As you will recall, earlier this year we successfully forestalled pressures for unbinding the tariff, with all the damage that would have done to the Community's relations with our traditional suppliers.

It is all the more gratifying that it has now been possible to reconcile adoption of an internal Community regime with the safeguarding of the legitimate interests of traditional suppliers, and that our pressure for a halving of your tariff and a quota based upon your traditional exports proved effective.

Like you, I hope that this agreement will be a step towards a sounder economic and trading relationship between Australia

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and the European Community. This is of course something which we have consistently worked for, and you can rest assured that we shall continue to do so.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Redden

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