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Prime Minister

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FRAME AGRICULTURE
FM FCO 231614Z MAY 80
TO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS
TELNO 575 OF 23 MAY

Bourrels have informed that
this message has been passed to
Gundelach's Chef de Cabinet, who was
"reassuring." Bourrels will be sending
comment by telegram on Tuesday.
S. S. Pike Duty Clerk
23. 5. 80

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING URGENTLY TO COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH FROM
MR WALKER (S OF S MAFF).

1. I WAS DISTURBED TO READ REPORTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED
AFTER THE MEETING OF THE FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHICH
STATED THAT: 'IF THERE IS NO DECISION AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
(AGRICULTURE), THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE MEASURES, WITH EFFECT
FROM THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS POSTPONED UNTIL
FRIDAY 30 MAY, ALLOWING, AS A HOLDING OPERATION, ARRANGEMENTS
EQUIVALENT TO THE EIGHT'S COMPROMISE TO BE APPLIED. THESE
ARRANGEMENTS WILL IN PARTICULAR TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SITUATION
OF PRODUCERS OF MILK AND BEEF SINCE BOTH ARE PRODUCTS FOR WHICH
MARKETING YEARS SHOULD HAVE STARTED ON 1 APRIL LAST. THE GOVERNMENT
WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR OTHER PRODUCTS AS A FUNCTION
OF THE NORMAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SO LONG AS NO AGREEMENT HAS
BEEN REACHED ON PRICES'.

2. I ASSUME THAT THE COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE ANY PROPOSED MEASURE
AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY AND OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL
POLICY. I SHOULD BE GLAD OF YOUR ASSURANCE THAT, IF THE MEASURES
ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE TREATY, THE COMMISSION WILL URGENTLY
TAKE EVERY STEP OPEN TO IT TO AVOID THEIR INTRODUCTION.

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