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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, SW1.

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My dear Prime Minister,

I was very glad to have the opportunity to meet and have a discussion with you last Wednesday. I am well aware of the many demands there are on your time, particularly at the present, and I am for that reason the more grateful that you were able to spare the time for us to review together matters of importance to both our Governments.

It was most useful to have your assessment of how the lamb issue is likely to develop, and to hear from you where the British Government stands on this and the other question of paramount concern to New Zealand, that of butter imports after 1980. I will be reporting on my discussions to the Prime Minister when I return to New Zealand, and I know that your views will, as always, carry a great deal of weight with him.

May I thank you also for the courteous and welcoming reception which I and the members of my party have received from other Ministers in your Government during our stay, and express the hope that it will not be too long before we again have the opportunity of welcoming you in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Talbot