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From the Private Secretary

5 May 1981

Dear Kate,

Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy

As you will already be aware, the Prime Minister has agreed that the Minister of Agriculture's paper on the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (OD(E)(81)14) can be used as a basis for discussion at the Anglo/German Summit.

However, the Prime Minister made one comment of substance on the text. She noted, in relation to the final sentence of paragraph 4, that in this country we could readily increase our own milk production without going into surplus. She sees no reason why we should agree in advance not to do this. She believes that we should reserve the right to increase production in this country for our own use without incurring penalties.

I am sending copies of this letter to Francis Richards (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Wiggins (HM Treasury) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

Michael Alexander

Miss Kate Timms,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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