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Prime Minister

It is clear from
the letter below that this
will be a contentious
matter.

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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Community Affairs

Supplementary Brief

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may raise the question of the allocation of the milk quota to the different parts of the United Kingdom. This point is not agreed between the Minister and the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A minute from the Minister's Private Secretary to your Private Secretary is being circulated tonight but has not yet been received. We understand that the situation is as follows -

now
attached -

| | <u>If 1983 base were used</u> | <u>If 1981 base were used</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| England and Wales | -6.56% | -5.5% |
| Scotland | -6.56% | -8.4% |
| Northern Ireland | -2.07% | -10.3% |

The special extra quota (65,000 tonnes) for Northern Ireland is included in these figures. The reserve for exceptional cases is not included because it would be constituted by the same percentage reduction from the quotas in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: it does not therefore affect their relative positions.

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