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Dear Fall,

The Attorney General had a meeting on 8 June with Mr. Fred Fielding, Counsel to the United States President. This took place on the same basis as their meeting last October without any officials present.

The Attorney General and Mr. Fielding discussed extraterritoriality and related matters. The Attorney General followed the same line as in the briefing prepared for the margins of the Economic Summit.

Mr. Fielding was very sympathetic. He explained that the problem he faced was that several agencies were all briefing the President with only one side of the story. He, Mr. Fielding, was putting over our case to the President.

Mr. Fielding said that the problem over law enforcement and the Cayman Islands was a serious one for the Americans. The Attorney General said we recognised that and would help as much as possible. We would, of course, hope for similar efforts by the Americans to assist in the matters of concern to us.

The recent difficulties over the proposed Directions in the Laker class actions did not excite Mr. Fielding. He thought that the class actions were speculative. The Export Administration Act, however, was a huge problem. He thought that the President was coming to the view that the Act should not contain such extensive powers as previously. Mr. Fielding's own view, (on unitary taxation) favoured the "waters edge" approach in a strict sense.

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Mr. Fielding said he would welcome a further meeting with the Attorney General, perhaps in late September.

Yours sincerely,

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