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Michael Jopling wrote to you on 17 April with some proposals concerning the Green Pound. I strongly support his view that he should secure arrangements equivalent to those agreed for France and I would be very unhappy if the French obtained a different and better concession on pigs and poultry.

I note that Michael feels there may be a serious attempt to reach agreement on all the issues next week. I trust he will be able to negotiate the flexibility which I have requested in various letters to ensure that the income impact of the final settlement does not hit the Northern Ireland agricultural industry relatively more harshly than elsewhere. This is of course particularly relevant if the Commission bring forward definitive proposals for an EC Milk Outgoers Scheme.

/ I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, members of OD(E), the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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