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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 June 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T120/87

Dear Brian,

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The next stages will not be easy. The European Community took some difficult decisions during the last United Kingdom Presidency. We shall continue to press hard for agricultural reform at Brussels.

Others - both importers and exporters - will also need to make fundamental reforms to reduce levels of assistance and government involvement in agricultural markets. The need to negotiate in the GATT will help to keep up the momentum,

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as will our common commitment at Venice to table proposals in the coming months.

With best wishes,

Yours
Raymond

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, P.C., M.P.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 June 1987

Dear Charles

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Venice Economic Summit: Agriculture

Your letter of 3 June, enclosing a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from Mr Mulroney about discussion of agriculture at Venice, said that a reply did not seem necessary until after the Summit had taken place.

I now enclose a self-explanatory draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Mulroney, which has been cleared with officials in the MAFF, Treasury and DTI.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to the Private Secretaries in MAFF, DTI and Chancellor of the Exchequer's Office.

Yours truly

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*With few notes
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