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*Dear Robert,*

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 12 January to Michael Franklin about UK domestic support for agriculture.

I should like Ian Burns to be the Northern Ireland Office representative on the proposed Official Group.

I appreciate the need to limit as much as possible knowledge of the existence of the Group; but because of the way in which we are organised it will be necessary for Ian Burns to bring in one or two officials from the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture in Belfast on whom he will be dependent for detailed information.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

*Your aw.**Robert***SECRET****PERSONAL**