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Dear Mrs Green,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December. The debate organised by the French Organisation of Agricultural Journalists is likely to influence public attitudes in France in the run-up to the 1985 price-fixing negotiations. Sir Geoffrey Howe therefore welcomes Mr MacGregor's participation.

In view of the importance of this discussion and subject, we think it would be helpful if Mr MacGregor could circulate a note on his proposed statement of UK views, and if the briefing on which he will draw in the debate could be cleared inter-departmentally.

I am copying this letter to David Barclay (No 10), William Austen (Government Whips' Office) and Ros Mulligan (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
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will request if required.

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