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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I was interested to hear of your activities with the European Council for Villages and Small Towns, and am sure that Kenneth Baker or William Waldegrave would be ready to talk to you.

With best wishes,

The Honourable Francis Noel-Baker