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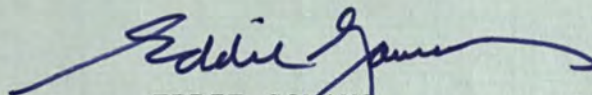
Dear Andrew,

My Secretary of State understands that the Minister of Agriculture has spoken to the Prime Minister about the problems of allocation of milk quotas and the need for an outgoers scheme.

Mr Younger would like the Prime Minister to know that he shares Mr Jopling's concern over the intractable problems confronting milk producers and agrees that an outgoers scheme is unavoidable as a means of obtaining extra quota for redistribution among hardship cases. Such a scheme is provided for in the European Council regulations, and other Member States are implementing it. In Mr Younger's view no great expense should be involved, because the scheme should aim at being no more generous than is necessary to induce a relatively small number of the less committed producers to give up dairying. He considers that it would be wise to have separately administered schemes (although operating within a general similar framework) in Scotland and in Northern Ireland, because of the different structure of dairy farming there and also the different pattern of hardship cases.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland and Wales and the Minister of Agriculture.

Yours sincerely



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Private Secretary



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