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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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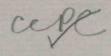
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With best wishes,

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





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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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.

> Your tra (R N Culshaw)

Private Secretary

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