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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Ruud,

We did not have a chance to say goodbye in the rush to get away from the European Council. I just wanted to say how very much I appreciated all your help and co-operation and that of Hans van der Broek over two difficult days. I think our two governments can take a great deal of credit for pushing through effective controls - at last - on agricultural spending and putting the Community's finances on a sounder basis. I hope very much that we can continue to work as closely together in future. In the meantime I send you my warm regards.

Yours

Ronald

His Excellency Dr. Ruud F.M. Lubbers