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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1986

Dear Ruud,

Thank you for your letter of 26 June enclosing a copy of the Scientific Council for Government Policy's Report, "The Unfinished European Integration". Geoffrey Howe and I were most interested to see it. It is a well researched and well argued paper.

I thought the report combined a clear sense of direction about what the Community needs to achieve with a realistic appreciation of what is likely to prove politically possible over the next few years. The Single European Act, when it enters into force, should help us to make faster progress in completing the internal market. As the report recognises, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy is bound to be progressive but the need for it is inescapable. I know that our two countries will continue to work closely together to achieve both these objectives.

Yours ever

His Excellency Dr. Ruud F. M. Lubbers.

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