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*Norman Tebbit*

EMBARGO ON ARGENTINE IMPORTS

You will remember our correspondence earlier this year about the problems which our restrictions on imports from Argentina cause to British commercial interests, particularly in the case of samples that come here for analysis only.

You agreed in your letter of 25 February to Geoffrey Howe that it would be possible to justify a general exemption for samples for analysis but suggested that any announcement of this should wait until after the conclusion of the Paris Club talks in order to avoid prejudicing their success.

In the event, of course, these talks were postponed and have only just taken place, but without the hoped-for discussion of bilateral trade issues. In the circumstances, I hope you and Geoffrey Howe will now be prepared to take action to lift the embargo on samples. Geoffrey suggested in his minute of 12 March to you that we should all three meet to consider how to proceed. If such a meeting is necessary, I hope it can be arranged without delay.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to Geoffrey Howe.

*Norman Tebbit*  
*Michael*

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