From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP



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I am enclosing the document from the Australian Prime Minister about EEC Agricultural Protection and Dumping which I promised in my earlier letter although I fancy it arrives too late to brief you for your talk with him.

In case he did not hand you a copy himself. I thought you would wish to see it since, at least so far as I am concerned, it presents a much more dramatic and disturbing criticism of what has been happening even than anything that I have seen in the UK press. It certainly underlines the criticisms advanced, for example, by the United States about the uneveness of the EEC's approach to the GATT trade negotiations; it is difficult to be convincing in pursuit of freer trade in industrial and other products while defending this kind of situation in relation to agriculture.

I am sending a copy of this note and enclosure to Keith Joseph, John Peyton, Jim Prior, John Nott, David Howell and Adam Ridley.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.

13 June 1977

your kind letter of June
9th enclosing the document
from the Australian Prime
Minister. I will of course
make sure that Mrs. Thatcher
sees this as soon as possible.

Richard Ryder Private Office