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From the Principal Private Secretary

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After Cabinet this morning, your Secretary of State mentioned to the Prime Minister the case of a company called Dean Dove which was about to go into liquidation and to sue the British Government because money had been paid to them in contravention of Community regulations and the European Commission were insisting that it should be recovered.

The Prime Minister said that it looked as if the European Commission were insisting on their pound of flesh at the cost of causing unemployment. She would be prepared to write immediately to Lord Cockfield, if he had any locus in the question, or to Monsieur Delors. Your Secretary of State said that he would consider this possibility and let the Prime Minister have an urgent note on the case.

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