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From: Sir Ronald McIntosh KCB

11 June 1990

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for witnessing the signature of our agreement with the Ukrainian Government in Kiev last week. We much appreciated your taking time for this in your hectic programme there.

The agreement represents a real breakthrough in our efforts to persuade the Soviet authorities to introduce modern methods of food preservation, processing and distribution. We have been commissioned to carry out a pilot study of current methods of handling fruit and vegetables, dairy products, meat and sugar beet in the Kiev area and to recommend a programme of action to modernise the whole food chain from farm gate to retail outlet. The reduction of waste which such a programme would bring about would more than pay for the investment required, making the whole thing self-financing.

This project goes to the heart of the Soviet Union's current difficulties and has implications far beyond the Ukraine. Without an integrated food chain approximating to what we have in the West (though not necessarily at the same level of sophistication) the Soviet Union's food problem will remain insoluble.

I know from what you have already said that you share our general view on this and I hope we may have your continued support as the work progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald McIntosh

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From: Sir Ronald McIntosh KCB

2 July 1990

Charles Powell Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Mr Powell,

attached.

I wrote to the Prime Minister on 11 June about an agreement which The British Food Consortium signed at Kiev last month. I handed the original in a clearly addressed envelope to a policeman on duty at the Downing Street gates but I gather from Mr Waldegrave's office (to whom I sent a copy of my letter) that it never made it to No 10.

It is really rather distressing that my letter should have gone astray in this way. I enclose a copy of it and I should be most grateful if you would give it to the Prime Minister with my apologies for its delayed delivery

Mincerely

Ronald McIntosh

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From the Private Secretary

3 July 1990

Thank you for your letter of 2 July. I am very sorry to hear that the original went astray and will investigate what happened. Meanwhile, I am arranging for the Prime Minister to see your original letter, with an appropriate explanation why it is late.

C. D. POWELL

Sir Ronald McIntosh, K.C.B.

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