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Dear Andrew,

In the midst of all the stress which you are suffering, I have hesitated to reiterate one point to you which I made in previous correspondence and which I think important.

At the moment the Jersey Cow is a very important symbol of the Island. It is known world wide, is extensively used in advertising and projecting the Island ("the home of the Jersey") and even appears as a watermark on Jersey notes.

As I see it, it has attained this position because it is indigenous (or has become so over the last century or two). If semen is brought in from outside from whatever source, this particular and indeed peculiar status would go.

If it goes, there has in my view to be a case for saying the subsidy should go with it, as the case has altered; and the same goes for permitting milk to be imported. Whatever is claimed, it may well be thought that its special status, which I must say I see as justifying at present a subsidy, may no longer be special.

Herefords are no longer special to Hereford, Devons to Devonshire or belted Galloways to Galloway.

Even if you disagree with the other points I raised with you, please pause to consider this one.

With kind regards and best wishes for Christmas.

Yours sincerely, *W.R.*

Philip

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PS. Also, please consider the consequences of exporting milk, what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the Gander too - could you prevent imports.