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by Mr PRICE, Mr AMADEI, Mr DONDELINGER, Mr SCHMIDT  
and Lord BRIMELOW

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Negotiations with Cyprus

The Commission has now been given a mandate to prepare new proposals for trade relations between the EEC and Cyprus over a range of agricultural products, which comprise 87 % of all the exports from the island; in Vice-president Haferkamp's words (Agence Europe 17 January 1978) it is necessary to avoid 'awkward political repercussions of an economic crisis in Cyprus'. In view of the fact that Cyprus lost, on 31 December 1977, its preferential access to United Kingdom markets; that its trade with the EEC has a negligible impact on EEC trade as a whole; and that the EEC has a responsibility not to allow economic conditions to develop which could hinder a final political settlement, what new proposals have the Commission put forward for reduced tariffs in sherry, potatoes and other vegetables; and when do they expect the present negotiations to be concluded ?

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