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Letter from the vice-chairman of the committee to Sir Henry PLUMB, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

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On the basis of the comprehensive details given in the enclosed financial statement from the Commission, the Committee on Budgets was able to approve the Commission proposal. The committee was also of the opinion that the estimate of 47.2 million ECU is a substantial figure for a single measure and that it should in no case be exceeded, otherwise there is a risk that other sectors may show similar additional expenditure which cannot always be verified.

This opinion was adopted by 12 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

Yours sincerely,

Harry A.C.M. Notenboom

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