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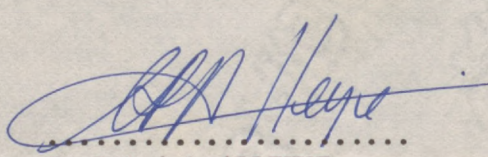
Dear Sir,

Your letter dated September 7, 1983 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Food Production is hereby acknowledged on his behalf. The Honourable Minister appreciates very much your briefing him on the circumstances relating to the election of the Independent Chairman, FAO Council over the years.

Your efforts in this regard are truly appreciated. Be assured that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is not inclined to support any action which interferes with the established traditions of the Council; especially where such traditions are clearly in the interest of the smooth and effective functioning of FAO.

Regretfully, the Honourable Minister will not be able to visit Rome in November; however the Government of Trinidad and Tobago will be represented by Dr. Patrick Alleyne, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Food Production and His Excellency, Mr. Wilfred Naimool, Ambassador, PRUN, Geneva.

With warmest regards,


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E. Patrick ALLEYNE,
Permanent Secretary.

cc: PRUN, Geneva.

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