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From: JOHN HOLMES  
To: TONY LAKE AND PADDY TEAHON  
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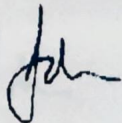
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*Yours ever*  
*John*

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