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Dear Sir

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Please find enclosed a copy of the above announcement made to the London Stock Exchange on 24 June 2003 in respect of Safeway plc.

Yours sincerely

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Sainsbury's response to Competition Commission's statement

Sainsbury's today responded to the Competition Commission's statement on current thinking and hypothetical remedies issued on 24th June.

Peter Davis, group chief executive, said, "This is half time in the process; fact gathering is ongoing and the issues are still being debated. We are continuing to provide information to the Competition Commission in response to their recent requests for information. The issues are broadly the same as those cited in the Issues Statement on 8th May and the remedies, which are entirely hypothetical, contain no surprises. We are looking forward to further discussions at our planned meeting next week and to working with the Commission to the end of the process.'

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