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Sir M. Palliser's office informed on 7 June that the PM decided this instruction should not be sent. He has no objection to it being made known that he spoke to the Americans at an earlier stage in support of Presidency candidature in Puerto Rico.

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MESSAGE NO 1  
PATRICK WRIGHT TO PRIME MINISTER  
BEGINS

YOU WILL SEE IN YOUR BOX THIS EVENING A TELEGRAM FROM LUXEMBOURG (NO 211) REPORTING COMPLAINTS BY MONSIEUR DAVIGNON ABOUT THE PUERTO RICO MEETING AND HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT MONSIEUR THORN SHOULD BE INVITED.

WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED AMBASSADORIAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, AND IRELAND AND FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ARE EXPECTED FROM THE DANES

ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS YET BEEN HEARD FROM THE DUTCH THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO TAKE A FIRM VIEW ON THIS.

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER HAS SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT THIS AND THINKS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE AMERICANS WILL WANT TO INVITE MONSIEUR THORN, IN SPITE OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. HE THINKS IT IMPORTANT NEVERTHELESS THAT WE SHOULD AGAIN PUT ON RECORD, FOLLOWING THESE REPRESENTATIONS, OUR SUPPORT FOR AN INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENCY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR NEED FOR SUPPORT ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM THE SMALLER EEC MEMBERS (INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE DUTCH).

HE WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH LIKE THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON THIS EVENING, AND MR CROSLAND WHO HAS BEEN CONSULTED AGREES THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO HM AMBASSADOR ON THESE LINES WOULD BE USEFUL.

SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS THEREFORE THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TONIGHT.

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THE BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADORS CALLED ON THE PUS ON 4 JUNE TO REGISTER THEIR GOVERNMENTS DISQUIET AT THE NEWS OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. THE IRISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON STATHAM AND THE DANISH AMBASSADOR HAS ARRANGED TO DO SO ON 7 JUNE.

THE PRINCIPAL IRISH COMPLAINT WAS THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEFORE THE FOUR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAD ACCEPTED THE US INVITATION. THE LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM M THORN TO INFORM US OF A LUXEMBOURG DEMARCHE ON 3 JUNE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE ASKING THAT M THORN SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT AS THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY, AND TO URGE THAT THE COMMUNITY BE SO REPRESENTED. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO PRESSED FOR THIS. BOTH BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURG ALSO WANT A MEASURE OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEFORE THE SUMMIT TAKES PLACE.

YOU WILL RECALL (MY TELEGRAM NO 988) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED THE VIEW TO THE AMERICANS THAT THE EXCLUSION OF THE EEC PRESIDENCY WOULD CAUSE GRAVE DIFFICULTY. YOU SHOULD NOW APPROACH THE WHITE HOUSE AND / OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT WHATEVER LEVEL YOU JUDGE APPROPRIATE AND REPORT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS LEARNT OF THE DEMARCHE MADE ON 3 JUNE BY THE LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE WISHES THE US AUTHORITIES TO KNOW, WHEN CONSIDERING HOW TO RESPOND, THAT HE REMAINS VERY READY TO SEE THE EEC PRESIDENT INVITED TO THE MEETING

TELEGRAM ENDS  
MESSAGE ENDS  
4 JUNE 1976



PRIME MINISTER

PM said do not send to  
Washington - he will think further

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