





4. On dynamism, there is no sign of movement at all and this is the most worrying aspect of the present state of the negotiations. I hope that we shall be able to consider together how we could get our partners to accept at least the principle of some formula that would ensure that our net contribution does not increase once again to unacceptable levels in future years. We might be able to use the argument about duration mentioned above as a lever as follows: we must for political reasons have a minimum duration to get us past the next Election and we cannot be expected to settle for a flat-rate solution for such a period because this would run too high a risk of a re-emergence of the problem that caused the present crisis in Community affairs.

5. I shall have the opportunity to lobby other Finance Ministers at the various meetings I shall be attending before the Summit in Sicily, Luxembourg and Hamburg. I suggest that a special effort should be made to get the two British Commissioners to recognise our case on dynamism. Roy Jenkins is reported as being extremely unhelpful - see Hague telegram No. 143 of 2nd April. A third possibility would be for us to pass a message to Cossiga before he makes his pre-Summit tour of capitals.

6. Perhaps we could have a word about the handling of all this at the meeting arranged for tomorrow.

7. I am sending copies of this minute to the members of OD(E) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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(G.H.)  
14 April, 1980



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