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**PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH ON EUROPE**

The Paymaster General has seen PS/Prime Minister's minute of 31 August to PS/FCO.

2. He has commented there is a reference on page 8 to the maritime and imperial tradition (given Bruges, it is a matter of taste whether to include Belgium). Given that one of the reasons "we were more successful" was that we delegated authority to the man on the spot (as against French centralisation), there may be a case for referring to this point as a trailer for the theme in the later part of the speech.

*cc Mr Kew (Fco)*

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