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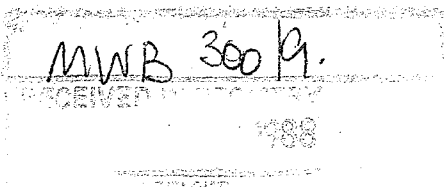
PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT BRUGES: 20 SEPTEMBER

A 1. No 10 asked to have a draft of the Bruges speech in the second half of July.

2. I believe that this will be a very important speech, and that it must be a positive and constructive one. Though presented with an admirable first outline draft by the last Head of ECD(I), I have been hesitant about trying our ideas on No 10 during the excitements at and after the Rover climax, and Delors' Strasbourg speech. But, though the Jimmy Young Show shows that the No 10 market for constructive language on the Community may still be poor, we can delay no longer, given that the Secretary of State may wish to look at a text before it goes to No 10.

3. I therefore attach a revised outline. My thinking is that we are most likely to produce a constructive outcome if we play on two firmly held Prime Ministerial views - the need for an "enterprise Europe", and for the maintenance of European defence efforts. On defence the outline incorporates material supplied by Mr Lever.

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