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PRIME MINISTER

Community Affairs

OD(E) will have met immediately before Cabinet to discuss the line to be taken at the 12th-13th November Agriculture Council especially on sheepmeat. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary might be invited to report the conclusions reached. He may also wish to report on his talks with Mr. van der Klaauw, his Netherlands counterpart, in The Hague on 6th November, and the current state of discussions in COREPER on the handling of the Commission's paper on possible solutions to our Budget problem.

2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer might similarly be invited to report on the French attitude to our Budget problem as revealed in his talks with M. Monory, the French Finance Minister, also on 6th November.

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