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PRIME MINISTER

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## Cabinet:Community Affairs

Since the Cabinet last met on 20th June the main Community events have been: the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) price settlement agreed at the end of the 18th June Agriculture Council; the 21st-22nd June European Council; the 25th June Fisheries Council; and the 25th June final negotiating Conference with the African, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) countries on the renewal of the Lome Convention. (The Community aspects of the Tokyo Summit, notably the national oil import limits to be specified by each Community member state, will presumably be discussed under the preceding agenda item.)

2. The Minister of Agriculture might be invited to report on the outcome of the 18th June Agriculture Council, which - as he acknowledged in his letter of ~~June of~~ 25th June - departed in some respects from the line endorsed by Cabinet on 14th June, notably in providing for a price increase in sugar.

3. No Minister has so far challenged the justification for accepting the Luxembourg package set out in Mr. Walker's letter of 25th June. Nevertheless I suggest that you ought to take the opportunity of this Cabinet to put on record one point, thought without overtly seeming to criticise Mr. Walker. This is that Ministers negotiating in the Community must stay within the limits of what has been collectively agreed or refer back to the Chairman of the relevant Committee or to you before departing from these limits. Everyone knows that some time some departure may be necessary in order to secure a satisfactory settlement. But a Minister ought not to do this on his own initiative and without clearing his lines.

4. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary might report on the outcome of the final EEC/ACP negotiating Conference on 25th-26th June on the new Lome Convention. So far as the Community is concerned the Conference marks the end of the negotiations. The ACP countries will however meet in July before deciding finally on the signature of the new Convention. Except for human rights, on which no agreement was reached and the Community will therefore make a unilateral pronouncement later, the United Kingdom's interests were satisfactorily safeguarded.

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5. Unless you wish to enlarge on your statement to the House on 26th June there should be no need for discussion of the European Council. The Defence and Overseas Policy Committee (OD) will take a paper from the Chancellor of the Exchequer on our tactics on the Community budget on 10th July.

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Unless you wish to advise on your statement to the House on July 1968  
There should be no need for disclosure of the Kennedy Case. The Defense  
and Overseas Policy Committee (OPC) will take a report from the Director of the  
Department on the matter on the Committee on July 1968.

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