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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Community Affairs

You will wish to inform the Cabinet of the outcome of your talks with Signor Cossiga on 29th-30th January, especially on our Community Budget problem. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be meeting his French counterpart at the weekend.

2. The Minister of Agriculture might report on the progress made at the 29th January Fisheries Council, at which agreement was reached on total allowable catches for 1980 and a system of catch reporting to enable these limits to be monitored. We also lifted our reserves on the signature of fisheries agreements with Spain, Norway and Guinea-Bissau.



Robert Armstrong

30th January 1980

