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PRIME MINISTER

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROBLEMS

Paragraph 12 of your brief on International Monetary Problems (ENG(V)(80)12) warned that a further note might be necessary in the light of the Eco/Fin Council on 9 June.

2. At that meeting, which I attended, we discussed recycling on the basis of a paper by the Monetary Committee. At the end of the discussion, the Chairman summed up the Council's conclusions as follows:-

1. The international financial institutions were the essential framework within which the Community debate was taking place.
2. More direct involvement of OPEC countries in recycling was desirable.
3. The Monetary Committee should do further, more detailed, work on the possible contribution that the Community and its institutions might make to the recycling process, and should report back to the Eco/Fin Council.

We also agreed that the remits given to the Monetary Committee should not be presented to the Press as if they constituted an agreed Community programme, in order not to arouse expectations that might later be disappointed.

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3. I suggest therefore that, if this matter is raised at the European Council, you need only note that the Eco/Fin Council has it in hand, and has asked the Monetary Committee to make a further, more detailed report.

4. I am copying this minute to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Governor of the Bank of England and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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