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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

1.   When the Prime Minister emerged from the luncheon on the
first day of the Summit meeting at Copenhagen on 14 December,
he gave a brief account of the proceedings to date.

2.   After the first one-and-a-half hours of discussion, the
Prime Minister said that these had been spent entirely on how
to deal with the five Arab Foreign Ministers.   President
Pompidou said that this was nothing to do with the Heads of
Government.   An interminable procedural discussion then
followed.   The Prime Minister of Denmark suggested that he
should receive the Foreign Ministers alone, on behalf of the
Conference, and was supported by Mr den Uyl.   After further
discussion (the objections to the Danish proposals were not
clear in the Prime Minister's account) the Prime Minister
himself proposed that the Foreign Ministers of the Nine
should receive the Arabs, and this proposal was accepted.
It was agreed that the Foreign Ministers would take delivery
of the Arab message, and report to the Heads of State and
Government.

3.   Mr Jørgensen next proposed that the meeting should break
up into separate gatherings of Prime Ministers and Foreign
Ministers.   This was accepted also.   He then put to his
colleagues the suggestion that the President of the Commission
should be present with the Heads of Government.   President
Pompidou did not know that this suggestion had been made, and
did not object to it, although M Jobert subsequently informed
him of it.   The Prime Minister thought it possible that
M Pompidou would object to the President of the Commission

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when the meeting reconvened.

4.   Herr Brandt apparently said that if these facilities were granted to the Arab Foreign Ministers to state their view, similar arrangements should be granted to the representatives of Israel.   When it was pointed out to the Federal Chancellor that the Israelis had not turned up at Copenhagen, Herr Brandt said that if necessary he ~~could go~~ would ~~to Tel Aviv himself.~~ speak to the Israeli Ambassador tomorrow.

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