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PRIME MINISTER

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Community Affairs

You will wish to tell the Cabinet that you saw Mr. Jenkins again on 26th November, and reaffirmed your general approach to our Budget problem at the European Council in Dublin later this week.

2. On the same subject, you could ask the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to report on his talks on 26th November with M. Simonet, the Belgian Foreign Minister; and the Lord Privy Seal ~~to report on his brief airport exchange with Herr Dohnanyi, his German counterpart, on 22nd November.~~

3. The Chancellor of the Exchequer might be invited to report on the outcome of the 23rd November Budget Council, at which - as you agreed - the United Kingdom voted against the European Parliament's proposals to reduce CAP expenditure and introduce a discriminatory co-responsibility levy, whilst getting agreement to a statement by seven member states making clear their sympathy for the Parliament's objectives.

4. The Minister of Agriculture might be invited to give an account of his talks on fisheries matters with Mr. Dalsager, the new Danish Fisheries Minister, on 23rd November and with M. Le Theule, the French Fisheries Minister, on 26th November. On the same day he also discussed sheepmeat with M. Mehaignerie, the French Minister of Agriculture.



(Robert Armstrong)

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