

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: DISCUSSION AT LUNCH ON 4 DECEMBER

Dr. Owen gave me a one minute account of what had passed over lunch.

The following subjects were then discussed:

(a) Immigration:

There had been a confused discussion initiated by the Germans. Mr. Jenkins had resisted discussion and it was not clear whether Ministers would revert to the subject.

(b) The Tripartite Conference, leading on to a general discussion of the economies of member states, short time working and the possibility of a long term look at the Community economies to 1990.

The following rough agenda had been agreed:

1. Afternoon Session:

EMS

Concurrent studies and related matters

Three wise men

2. After Dinner:

Heads of Government would revert to EMS, the British aspect of concurrent studies and a very private discussion of CAP/fish (which might result in the Commission tabling a paper tomorrow morning).

Foreign Ministers would have a discussion in political cooperation.

3. Tuesday morning:

The Council would meet to take any formal decisions, e.g. on EMS and three wise men. There would also be the possibility of Presidency statements e.g. on MTNs.

Foreign Ministers would report back on the previous evening's discussion in political cooperation.

As indicated above, this was given to me in a great hurry; I cannot therefore vouch for its comprehensiveness or complete accuracy.

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