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PRIME MINISTER

The Foreign Office have prepared a planning paper on relations with our major European partners and with the United States. This, at this stage, is purely an FCO think-piece.

Above the FCO paper, I attach a commentary by Sir Robert Armstrong. He sets out an alternative strategy. The two approaches represented in these papers cover an eternal debate, but it is one which Ministers will need to tackle in the near future. Would you like to start by having a session in the Foreign Office with Lord Carrington and a small group of senior advisers, which could be followed by a slightly enlarged Ministerial discussion?

See note on
F.O. "think" - piece.
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Hasn't the Cabinet Office
done more work on this?
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survey we recently walked out
Will tell Michael A. my
very decided views when
he returns.
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19 August, 1980