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From the Private Secretary

1 February, 1984

European Inward Visits

I promised to try to let you have the Prime Minister's decisions today on the various European inward visits which have been proposed.

The Prime Minister is prepared to give Mr. Lubbers a working breakfast on 2 March. Timings are to some extent flexible. But she envisages it beginning at 0815 and continuing until 0930 or, if Mr. Lubbers prefers, 1000.

This would leave 27 February free for a working lunch with Chancellor Kohl. I have seen no account from Bonn of the response to the Prime Minister's recent message to Chancellor Kohl. I should be grateful if you could confirm that this has been delivered. Although the message said that Private Secretaries would be in touch about a date for a meeting with Chancellor Kohl, I would have no objection to the Embassy offering 27 February at the appropriate moment. I shall take it that they will be doing so unless you advise me to the contrary.

You also wrote on 20 January about a possible visit by the Belgian Prime Minister. Mrs. Thatcher's diary is now extremely full and the only way in which she could accommodate Mr. Martens before the European Council is by giving him a working lunch on 2 March, i.e. on the same day on which she is giving Mr. Lubbers a working breakfast. I think this would amount to an extensive demand on the Prime Minister's time and do not propose to take it any further unless you wish to press very strongly.

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