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Private Secretary

Draft Declaration on East-West Relations

Tiresome meeting between Political Directors lasting the whole morning. The Presidency had produced an adequate text relating primarily to the Geneva meeting. The French wanted to turn this into more of a new statement of European concerns and interests. Result is something of a compromise between these two approaches but it comes out as a positive statement about the meeting at Geneva and contains no points that damage British interests.

/ Text as it stands at the end of the morning is attached. English translation at present in preparation. Main merit is that it is quite short and positive.

Only disappointing points of difficulty relate to square brackets in paragraphs 3 and 4. Both are Irish reservations. Assuming Ministers find the rest of the text acceptable, no need for us to enter the lists. The text is better with the passages in square brackets included, but we could live without them. Others will make the point (and it is valid) that, if the Irish cannot accept such general clauses as these in a common declaration by the Twelve, there is little point in including Article 8 in the EPC Treaty.

Prime Minister

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2 December 1985

This is rubbish.

(D M D Thomas)

cc: Mr Powell  
Mr Ingham  
Mr Meyer

It implies an equivalence between the United States & the Soviet Union: it fails to give support to the US: and it fraudulently singles out Gorbachev's visit to Paris as a significant event. I should veto it. CD2/Kic

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1. Les Chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement réunis à Luxembourg les 2 et 3 décembre 1985 en Conseil Européen <sup>ont exprimé leur</sup> ~~se sont réjouis du bon~~ <sup>grande satisfaction au sujet de</sup> déroulement de la rencontre qui a eu lieu à Genève du 19 au 21 novembre entre <sup>le Président, le Secrétaire Général</sup> ~~M. Reagan et~~ Gorbatchov et qu'ils avaient appelé de leurs vœux.

Roughly  
to which  
- they had  
given their  
support

2. Ils espèrent qu'après la visite de M. Gorbatchov à Paris et le sommet de Genève, un processus est maintenant amorcé qui permettra d'améliorer la situation internationale, et d'éliminer les obstacles qui empêchent de progresser dans la voie d'un dialogue renoué. <sup>dans tous les domaines.</sup>

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3. The Twelve noted in particular the reaffirmation of the joint Soviet/American declaration of 8 January 1985 concerning the working out of effective agreements aimed at preventing an arms race in space, putting an end to that on earth and limiting and reducing nuclear armaments, and strengthening strategic stability. They hope that the two countries will reach reasonable and balanced compromises in all these different areas, with a view to facilitating reductions in their nuclear weapons, [including INF weapons] to the lowest possible level, with due regard for the security of European countries.

4. As to the CSCE, the Twelve, while regretting certain disappointments at Ottawa and Budapest, will continue to work for positive results in all aspects of the process, in particular at Stockholm and Berne, with a view to achieving a balanced outcome at the Vienna Conference in November 1986.

<sup>[et tout en veillant au maintien des conditions de leur sécurité]</sup>  
5. Conformément à leur attitude constante, les Douze réaffirment leur propre détermination de déployer tous leurs efforts pour contribuer à une plus grande stabilité dans les relations Est-Ouest ainsi qu'à une coopération large et approfondie avec tous les pays d'Europe orientale.

Draft declaration by the European Council  
of 2/3 December 1985 on East-West relations

The Heads of State and Government, meeting at the European Council in Luxembourg on 2 and 3 December 1985, expressed their satisfaction at the much-awaited meeting between President Reagan and Secretary-General Gorbachov in Geneva from 19 to 21 November.

They hope that, after Mr Gorbachov's visit to Paris and the Geneva summit, a process has now begun which will include further meetings at the highest level and will lead to an improvement in the international situation and the elimination of the obstacles impeding progress towards a fresh dialogue in all fields.

The Twelve have noted in particular the reaffirmation of the joint Soviet-American declaration of 8 January 1985 concerning the elaboration of effective agreements aiming at preventing an arms race in space, terminating it on earth, at limiting and reducing nuclear arms and at strengthening strategic stability. They hope that these two countries will reach reasonable and balanced compromises in all these fields in order to allow a reduction of their nuclear arms (medium-range weapons included) at the lowest possible level with due regard to the security of the European countries.

~~They also~~ attach a high importance to the disarmament work under way in the multilateral fora.

As ~~to~~ the CSCE, the Twelve will, despite certain disappointments, continue to work for positive results in all aspects of the process, in particular at the Conference of Stockholm and at the Berne meeting, with a view to achieving a balanced outcome at the Vienna Conference, beginning in November 1986.

Consistent with the attitude they have consistently adopted (and whilst taking care to maintain the conditions for their security), the Twelve reaffirm their own determination to make every effort to contribute to greater stability in East-West relations and to wide-ranging and far-reaching cooperation with all the countries of Eastern Europe.