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1. PLEASE PASS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR HESELTINE TO DR WOERNER, MONSIEUR QUILES, SENATORE SPADOLINI AND PROFESSOR DE REUTER.

QUOTE: I HAVE TO TELL YOU WITH THE GREATEST REGRET THAT I HAVE TODAY RESIGNED FROM THE BRITISH COVERNMENT OVER ISSUES SURROUNDING THE RECUSTRUCTION OF WESTLAND PLC.

A BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUES FOR WHICH WE HAVE JOINTLY WORKED ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF BRITAIN AND OF EUROPE. I SHALL CONTINUE TO GIVE EVERY SUPPORT I KNOW TO THE PURSUIT OF THESE ISSUES IN THE WIDER INTERESTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. THE FUNDAMENTAL STRENGTH OF THAT ALLIANCE DEPENDS UPON A PARTNERSHIP OF EQUALS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

1 SHALL BE WORKING TO ASSIST IN EVERY WAY I CAN THE SUCCESS OF THE OFFER BY THE BRITISH EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR WESTLAND PLC. 1 SHALL ALWAYS MUCH TREASURE THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED AN THE PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON AIM OF EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION.

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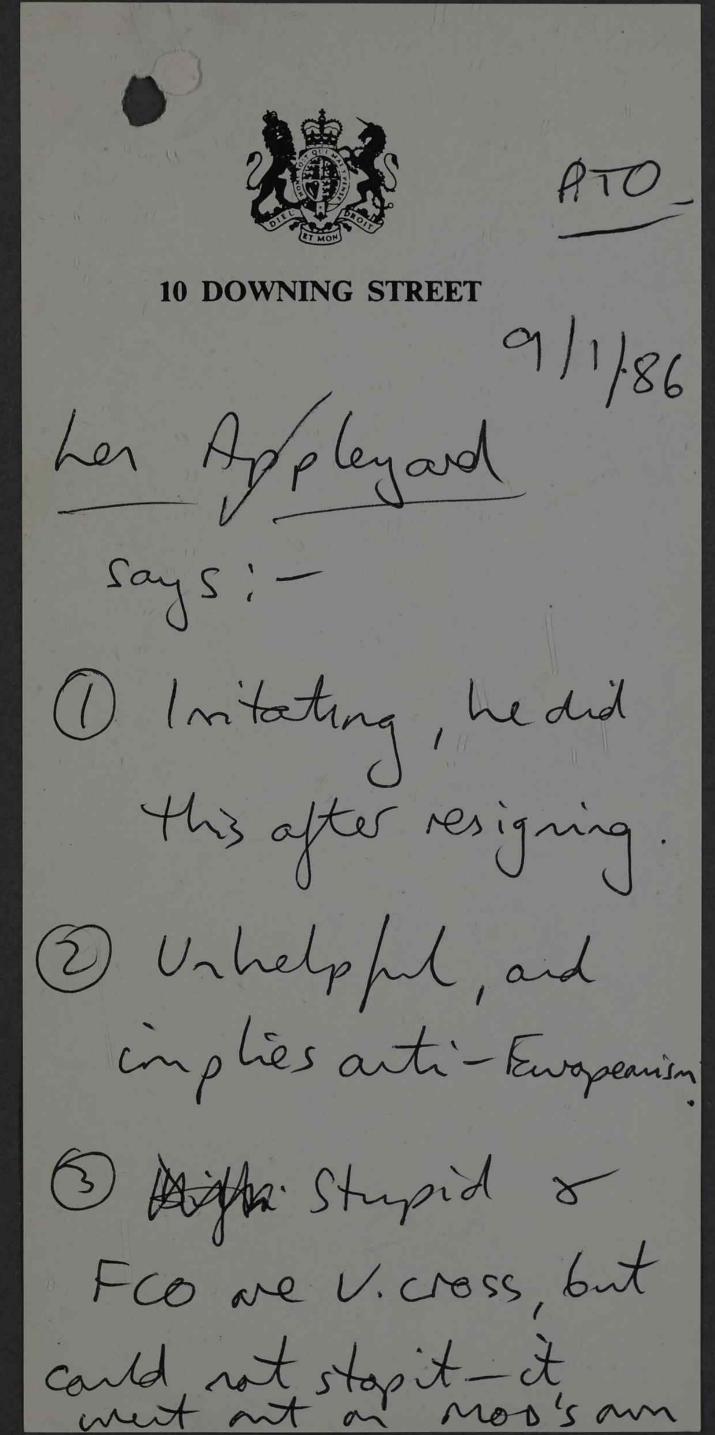
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