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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

European Community Aviation Negotiations

1. Thank you for your letter of 5 November about how we should handle EC negotiations on air transport liberalisation over the next few weeks.
2. I agree that at the 10-11 November Transport Council we need to make clear to our partners that the Presidency's compromise package really does represent the UK's bottom line. In the light of what happens at that meeting we shall need to decide our tactics at the European Council. We certainly should raise the issue at the Anglo-French summit if French Ministers appear to be going back on earlier positions.
3. I am copying this minute to members of OD(E) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

will request if req.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)

Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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