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Mr Coles OIR

Dear Michael,

Speeches in Europe

At OD on 22 July it was agreed that there would be value in a series of Ministerial speeches during the autumn, which would both firmly state our case on the budget but would, at the same time, set out in a positive fashion our views on the future development of the Community. Our principal aim would be to influence Community opinion in the context of the budget negotiations.

The first two speeches in this series - Mr Pym's in Copenhagen on 10 September, and Mr Hurd's in Brussels on 20 September - have now been delivered. The rest of the programme is shaping up as follows:

Mr Baker	Paris	28 September
Mr Tebbit	The Hague	4 October
Mr Walker	Paris	5 October (not yet confirmed)
Mr Prior	Rome	12 October
Mr Rees	Bremen	Mid-October (not yet confirmed)
Sir Geoffrey Howe	Frankfurt	28 October (not yet confirmed)
Mr Heseltine	Antwerp	3 November
Mr Rifkind	Luxembourg	11 November
Mr Lawson	Bonn	29 November

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The first two speeches have set the stage for a more detailed elaboration of positive British thinking in the fields for which the individual Ministers concerned are responsible. Mr Pym does not suppose that such a programme of speeches will make the budget negotiations/tough and difficult than they would otherwise be; but he remains convinced that we should do all we can to influence European opinion if we are to achieve our aims. As the going on the budget gets rough, as it certainly will, it will become all the more important to bring out the positive role we wish to play in the Community as an antidote to the negative response which the budget negotiations will certainly arouse.

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Mr Pym feels that the exercise would pay much greater dividends if the Prime Minister were seen to be personally involved in it. He therefore hopes that she will agree to appear on German and French TV at the time of the Anglo-German Summit on 28/29 October and the Anglo-French Summit of 4/5 November. Press interviews and signed articles for the press, to coincide with these Summits, would also be most valuable. In addition the Prime Minister may wish to consider using a speech - or part of a speech - to bring together the various themes and ideas developed by other Ministers. This could be done either in Europe or at home. Late November must be the ideal time to wrap up the programme of speeches before the Copenhagen Summit on 3/4 December; but there would be value in such a speech even after the Copenhagen Summit - perhaps to mark the 10th anniversary of British Community membership (which falls in the new year), in a way which lays emphasis on the challenges of the future.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'B J P Fall', written in a cursive style.

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