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MR. COLES

European Council, Copenhagen: 3rd-4th December
Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting,
2nd December at 4.00 pm

Now that the composition of the United Kingdom Delegation to the European Council has been decided (your letter of 17th November to Mr. Bone), and the subjects likely to be discussed at the Council are clearer, you will wish to decide who should attend the Prime Minister's pre-Council briefing meeting at 4.00 pm on 2nd December.

2. The Prime Minister will no doubt wish to invite the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Trade, the Secretary of State for Industry (on Steel), the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food if the Common Fisheries Policy has not been settled. As the outcome of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Ministerial Meeting is likely to be raised at the European Council, she may also wish to invite the Minister of Trade who will have represented the United Kingdom at the GATT Ministerial Meeting. In addition, it would be appropriate to invite the following officials who will be attending the Council:-

Sir Julian Bullard

Mr. Richard Evans

Mr. David Hannay

[The Private Secretary to the Foreign and
Commonwealth Secretary]

Sir Kenneth Couzens

Sir Michael Butler

Mr. David Hancock

Mr. William Mason (MAFF - if the fisheries question
has not been resolved).

3. It would also be appropriate to invite Mr. Robin Gray, who is accompanying Mr. Rees to the GATT Ministerial Meeting.



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4. Sir Robert Armstrong would also wish to attend the briefing meeting, even though he will not be going to the Council.

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Thank you for your minute of 26 November.

I agree with the list of participants you propose for the Prime Minister's pre-Council briefing, except that the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is not invited on these occasions.

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