

COREPER (AMBASSADORS) 1 DECEMBER

INFO SAVING TOKYO

PREPARATION FOR EUROPEAN COUNCIL

SUMMARY

1. CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION INTERNAL MARKET AND JAPAN.

I GAVE NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTION THAT THERE SHOULD BE
A FULL DISCUSSION OF FISH.

DETAIL

- 2. THORN (PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION) SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO SOUND A NOTE OF ALARM AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNAL MARKET. HE WARNED AGAINST A PUBLIC EXCHANGE OF REPROACHES. IF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN WITH FILES OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST OTHER MEMBERS, THEY SHOULD DISCUSS THEIR GRIEVANCES IN PRIVATE.
- 3. AFTER A DIVERSION ON THE FORTHCOMING TALKS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE USA (SEPARATELY REPORTED) THORN SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY

AND THE USA (SEPARATELY REPORTED) THORN SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON THE JAPANESE, WHO SEEMED TO PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO US. RIBERHOLDT (PRESIDENCY) SAID THAT THE PRESIDENCY DID NOT AT PRESENT INTEND TO INCLUDE ANYTHING ON JAPAN IN THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS. THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL WOULD BE DISCUSSING ON 13/14 DECEMBER. THORN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET RESULTS OUT OF JAPAN, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM ITSELF AND IN ORDER TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NICS. BUT HE DID NOT PRESS FOR CONCLUSIONS IN COPENHAGEN. 4. 1 THEN SAID, AS INSTRUCTED (YOUR TELNO 837), THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE A FULL DISCUSSION OF FISH. POENSGEN (FRG) SUPPORTED ME. RIBERHOLDT SAID THAT HIS PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT BUT EXPECTED THAT OTHERS WOULD. PERHAPS IT COULD BE DISCUSSED OVER DINNER. I SAID THAT IT MUST BE IN FORMAL SESSION. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT. (RIBERHOLDT CONFIRMED TO ME AFTERWARDS THAT FISH WOULD BE TAKEN IN FORMAL SESSION.) 5. RIBERHOLDT THEN SAID THAT THE TRADE UNIONS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE USUAL INVITATION TO MEET THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN. COUNCIL BEFOREHAND, THOUGH THE EMPLOYERS HAD ACCEPTED. THORN SAID THAT THE UNIONS HAD TOLD HIM THIS MORNING THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO MOUNT A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN OVER UNEMPLOYMENT AGAINST ALL THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMMISSION. BUT THEY WERE ALSO PREVENTED FROM GOING TO COPENHAGEN BY CLASHING ENGAGEMENTS. RIBERHOLDT SAID THAT THE PRESIDENCY THOUGHT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WOULD ENDORSE THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ECOFIN AND JUMBO COUNCILS AND AGREE A WORK PROGRAMME ON INTERNAL MARKET, INVESTMENT, AND SOCIAL MEASURES AS AGREED IN THE JUMBO COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS. FCO ADVANCE TO:-FCO - PS, EVANS, HANNAY, DE FONBLANQUE CAB - HANCOCK DOT - GRAY MAFF - MASON, POOLEY TSY - COUZENS, LITTLER NO 10 - COLES FCO PASS SAVING TOKYO BUTLER NNNN SENT AT 01/1924Z ERW