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MR COLES

European Council, Brussels 21-22 March

The preparation of the briefs for the next European Council is now being set in hand. As the contents of a number of the briefs will be affected by the proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Council on 14-15 March, I suggest that we arrange for the briefs to reach you in two batches: those on subjects not being taken at the Foreign Affairs Council by noon on Friday 11 March, and the remainder by noon on Wednesday 16 March. In this way the need to issue revisions of individual briefs should be minimised. I should be grateful to know whether this is acceptable to you.

2. We will also provide advice on who might be invited to the Prime Minister's briefing meeting at 4.00 pm on Thursday 17 March once you have notified us of the Prime Minister's decision on who should attend the European Council itself.

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS, 21-22 MARCH

Thank you for your minute of
7 February.

The arrangements you propose
for the supply of briefs is entirely acceptable.

A. J. COLES

10 February, 1983