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Prime Minister's Briefing for European Council in Athens: 5 and 6 December 1983

I should be grateful for your agreement to the following Ministers and officials being invited to attend the meeting of Ministers on Thursday 1 December at 5.00 pm to brief the Prime Minister for the European Council:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Chancellor of the Exchequer Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Sir Michael Butler UKREP
Mr D H A Hannay FCO

Mr J B Unwin Treasury

Sir Michael Franklin MAFF

Mr D F Williamson Cabinet Office

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10 DOWNING STREET From the Private Secretary MISS WILKINSON CABINET OFFICE European Council: Prime Minister's briefing Thank you for your minute of today's date. I am content that those whom you list should be invited to the meeting. Whether the meeting should take the form of a briefing or, as I had rather envisaged, & Ministerial discussion of, and decisions upon, our policy should perhaps be settled nearer the time. In our absence in India could I leave it to the Cabinet Office to decide, in consultation with the Departments

principally concerned, what form the meeting should take and what papers, if any, should be prepared for it.

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