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I have not been following the Dooge Report. But what is agreed at the Council, and said publicly afterwards, on the powers of the European Parliament will affect the European Democratic Group (Conservative MEPs) and their Leader, Sir Henry Plumb. As you know, Sir Henry is coming in to see the Prime Minister this coming Friday, as one of his regular meetings with her.

The purpose of this note is to say that, whatever is decided, I hope the Prime Minister will be made aware that some journalists might try to drive a wedge between the Government and the EDG.

I think questions can easily be handled by the Prime Minister saying that:

On whether there has been consultation -
"Conservative MEPs know my views just as I know theirs".

On the powers of the Parliament - "Conservative MEPs have made a major contribution to making the Parliament more effective".

I have spoken to John Houston who will be talking to the Foreign Secretary in a similar way.

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