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INFO ROME LISBON MADRID.

Prime Minister Agree to their attendance, at least for discussion of Dooge. Yes - and it would be difficult to include them. It's inevitable.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, MILAN : SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE.

1. DURING AMBASSADORS ONLY MEETING TODAY, CALAMIA (PRESIDENCY) PROPOSED THAT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AS OBSERVERS. FRANCE AND DENMARK AGREED. BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG THOUGHT THAT MILAN WAS A LITTLE SOON TO INCLUDE THE NEW MEMBERS, BUT WOULD NOT SAY NO IF OTHERS AGREED. NETHERLANDS AND GREECE FAVOURED ATTENDANCE AS OBSERVERS FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY. U.K, GERMANY AND IRELAND WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. CALAMIA ASKED US TO GET INSTRUCTIONS VERY SOON.

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from other discussion no*

COMMENT.

2. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A CONSENSUS FOR INVITING SPAIN AND PORTUGAL AT LEAST FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY. ATTITUDES ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE DIVIDED OVER WHETHER THE SPANIARDS AND PORTUGUESE SHOULD BE PRESENT FOR OTHER SUBJECTS, SUCH AS RESEARCH AND POLITICAL CO-OPERATION. WHEN THE SUBJECT NEXT ARISES, I WILL EXPLORE DISCREETLY WHETHER WE CAN GET AGREEMENT ON ATTENDANCE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY ONLY. BUT IF THERE IS A CONSENSUS FOR THEIR ATTENDING THE WHOLE COUNCIL, I WOULD PROPOSE TO GO ALONG WITH THIS.

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FCO - P.S, P.S/MR RIFKIND, BRAITHWAITE, RENWICK, SHEPHERD, EVANS.

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From the Private Secretary

16 May 1985

European Council, Milan: Spanish and Portuguese Attendance

The Prime Minister has seen UKREP Brussels telegram no. 1771 reporting a discussion about the attendance of Spain and Portugal as observers at the June European Council.

The Prime Minister sees no objection to their being present either for discussion of the future of the Community or indeed for other subjects.

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