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- Miss Lackey
- Mr Oakley
- Mr Roith - DTI
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MEETING ON EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY.

As we discussed yesterday, we need to make urgent preparations for handling the European Council follow-up meeting on European Technology to be held on 17 July. My proposals are as follows:

- i. the line to take and the briefing be discussed and agreed at meetings under your Chairmanship; either EQS or a continuation of your ad hoc Eureka group would seem appropriate
  - ii. the briefing should be coordinated by the FCO with inputs from DTI, Treasury, the Cabinet Office and others as appropriate.
2. I imagine that we will wish to be guided by the final version of the Prime Minister's speaking note at the European Council as to the breadth of coverage which we will be aiming for at the 17 July meeting. This means that we will need to prepare material not only on potential projects but also on the other areas mentioned by the Prime Minister such as the internal market and Eurotype. I believe we should consider submitting a discussion paper to the 17 July conference on non-R & D aspects of Eureka which could include these topics and perhaps some of the ideas which Rob Wilmot has been putting forward.
3. There is some urgency in considering our strategy for 17 July and you may wish to call a meeting to discuss this tomorrow or Thursday.

4. The Prime Minister has made her views on UK representation at the 17 July meeting fairly clear but I propose to minute her on the subject later today when we have some indication of likely French and German representation.

5. I am copying this minute to those who attended your Eureka meetings and to Brian Unwin, Christopher Mallaby, Charles Powell and Richard Hatfield.

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ROBIN NICHOLSON