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PRIME MINISTER

MADRID EUROPEAN COUNCIL: BILATERALS

Mr. Haughey has asked whether he can have his customary bilateral with you in the margins of the European Council in Madrid. There seems to me very little to discuss, which might point towards trying to break the pattern of such bilaterals. But he clearly attaches great importance to it: and if we do not have one in Madrid, he may only press harder for a "full" bilateral on some other occasion. It need not last long.

Agree to a short meeting?

*Yes not*

There is also the question whether you want to see anyone else. In the past it has proved quite helpful to have a meeting before the Council with Ruud Lubbers and Hans Van Den Broek. Since you are getting to Madrid on the Sunday evening, you could invite them in for a drink.

*Yes not*

The other possible is Chancellor Kohl. There is something to be said for a meeting if only to quell stories of residual discord from the NATO Summit. Would you like me to explore the possibility of a meeting, possibly a working breakfast?

*No*

*C.D.P.*

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