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Community Affairs

You may wish to mention under this item the forthcoming Anglo-French Summit.

2. The Lord Privy Seal might be invited to report on the outcome of the 15th-16th September Foreign Affairs Council. The Council made some progress towards settling the Regulation for implementing our supplementary measures, but no agreement was reached on approval procedures which will come up again at the October Council. No decision was reached on pre-accession aid for Portugal. Because of the restrictive position taken by the French only a minimal mandate was agreed for the opening of negotiations on Zimbabwe's accession to

3. The Minister of Agriculture might wish to report on his talks on fisheries matters with M. Le Theule, his French counterpart, on 12th September. There are signs of some give on the French side on a 12-mile exclusive zone. He may also mention that if the French continue to block the deal agreed at the July Agriculture Council for New Zealand butter imports in 1980 he will press for an early Council to be convened to resolve this question.

4. There will be an informal meeting of Community Finance Ministers on 20th-21st September and a Budget Council on 23rd September.

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