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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH DR FITZGERALD, 3 SEPTEMBER:
NORTHERN IRELAND

You will want a private talk after lunch with Dr. FitzGerald on Northern Ireland. As at Fontainebleau, I suggest that only Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr. Nally and I attend. The brief is attached.

← You will want to settle with Dr. FitzGerald what is said to the press afterwards. This should be to the effect that the main purpose of his visit was to discuss Community business in his role as current President of the Council. You touched only briefly on Irish matters. These will be discussed more fully at an Anglo/Irish Summit later in the autumn.

You will also need to discuss the timing of an Anglo/Irish Summit (in the light of whether progress on Monday seems to warrant it). You have agreed to propose 19 November. Dr. FitzGerald will press you hard to go to Dublin: you are most reluctant. You will want to handle this delicately with him - the last two summits have been in the UK so he may well feel strongly that it is Dublin's turn. You will want to point out that you are going there anyway for the European Council: and that Chequers would make a very conveniently discreet setting.

C.D.P.

31 August, 1984

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS

EC BUDGET

1. MUST TRY TO GET ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES TIED UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
2. EFFECTIVE BUDGET DISCIPLINE IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL. ESSENTIAL TO MAKE VERY EARLY PROGRESS ON THIS.
3. ALSO SCOPE TO REDUCE FURTHER SIZE OF 1984 BUDGET OVERRUN.
4. AND TO GET OUR 1983 REFUNDS RELEASED.
5. OUR ATTITUDE TO SOLUTION OF 1984 OVERRUN WILL DEPEND VERY HEAVILY ON WHAT HAPPENS ON THESE OTHER ISSUES. ABSOLUTELY NO OBLIGATION ON US TO GO OUTSIDE THE TREATY. SIMPLY NOT GOING TO BE PRESSURED INTO CHANGING OUR POSITION.
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6. WHAT DID KOHL AND MITTERRAND HAVE TO SAY ON ALL THIS?

AD HOC COMMITTEE

1. SUPPORT DOOGE FOR CHAIRMAN, BUT COULD ALSO SUPPORT CARSTENS IF YOU AGREED. REALLY UP TO YOU AND GERMANS TO SORT OUT.
2. WHO WILL CHAIR THE SECOND COMMITTEE?

FUTURE OF EUROPE

1. NEED TO IDENTIFY SUBJECTS WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL DEAL WITH.
2. FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE A REALITY OF EXISTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER TREATY OF ROME.
3. ABOVE ALL COMPLETE COMMON MARKET, TACKLE

/SURPRISES

SURPLUSES; AND BRING SPENDING UNDER CONTROL.

ENLARGEMENT

1. MAJOR EFFORT NEEDED TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS BY END OF THE YEAR.
2. TARIFF TRANSITION VITAL QUESTION FOR US. VERY HIGH SPANISH TARIFFS (OVER 20%) MUST BE DEALT WITH.
3. MUST ALSO BE CLEAR THAT EXISTING OLIVE OIL REGIME WILL NOT APPLY TO ENLARGED COMMUNITY. MUST BE A NEW SYSTEM WITH LIMITATIONS ON PRODUCTION. OTHERWISE COST WILL GO OUT OF CONTROL.

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