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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING OF E(A): 13 DECEMBER

You saw some of the papers for tomorrow's E(A) discussion over the weekend.

It will no longer be necessary for E(A) to discuss Traffic and Parking in London. Over the weekend you agreed that this could be taken off the agenda if Mr. Parkinson could reach agreement separately about the proposed Traffic Director with the Home Secretary and the Environment Secretary. He has now done this, on the basis that a final decision on the arrangements for the Traffic Director can be taken in the light of the consultation process. Mr. Parkinson will now be circulating a draft of his proposed statement.

So that leaves two items on tomorrow's agenda:

1. Control of UK fishing capacity
2. National Insurance Fund.

The papers are organised in the two dividers below. They are:

Divider 1 - Fishing

Flag A - minute from John Gummer which you saw over the weekend. He recommends responding to the Commission's target for reductions in the fishing fleet by harnessing market forces rather than a decommissioning scheme.

Flag B - minute from Nick Ridley supporting the Gummer approach.

Flag C - paper from Malcolm Rifkind opposing the Gummer proposals, and instead pressing the need for a decommissioning scheme.

Flag D - Cabinet Office brief.

Divider 2 - National Insurance Fund

Flag E - paper by Tony Newton, which you saw over the weekend, advocating the removal from the Fund of the two main non-contributory benefits (industrial injuries benefits and statutory sick pay/maternity pay).

Flag F - Cabinet Office brief.

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