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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH ALAN CLARK

You are to have a talk with Alan Clark tomorrow afternoon, so that he can expound his views on what you might say in your Aspen speech. You have read his note (attached) and are unlikely to agree with his advice that you should champion a single currency and an independent European central bank.

Alan may also raise the Defence Options Study. You will want to be cautious about getting involved in discussion before the Defence Secretary reports to you on Saturday.

CHARLES POWELL

30 May 1990

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From the Private Secretary

14 May 1990

Thank you for your note of 10 May. I am sure the Prime Minister would like a talk and wonder whether you can come her at 1600 on 31 May. I do hope this is convenient.

Charles Powell

The Hon. Alan Clark, M.P.

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From: The Hon. Alan Clark, M.P.

Eric Aviner

Would you like

10th May 1990

me to fix a
meeting with
Alan Clark?

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On the 18th February you sent me a note suggesting that I submit some thoughts for possible inclusion in a Bruges II.

I fear that some of my ideas may shock her. But I keep them to myself and, anyway, she is used to my tendency - in aeronautical slang - to 'explore the envelope'. Would it be possible to find thirty minutes over the Whit Weekend - ie. 31st May - 3rd June?

(I am away from 25th until 30th)

Yours ever

Alan

Thurs 31st May
1600

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