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*From the Private Secretary*

19 July 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCILS IN THE ITALIAN AND LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCIES

Thank you for your letter of 18 July about the dates of the European Councils in the Italian and Luxembourg Presidencies.

I gather that the Italians have now withdrawn 29 October and will offer an alternative date.

We can now accept 28/29 June, since the Conservative Women's Conference is moving to a different date.

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18 July 1990

Dear Charles,

Barry

Can we discuss  
please?

OK

European Councils in the Italian  
and Luxembourg Presidencies

The main European Council in the Italian Presidency will be on 14/15 December in Rome. As you know, the Italians have proposed a Special European Council in the autumn. 27 October and 3 November have proved difficult for others, they have now offered Monday 29 October. We understand that a dinner is at present pencilled into the Prime Minister's diary. I should be grateful to know whether we may accept the Italian proposal.

now  
changed.

OK. The Luxembourg Government have proposed Friday 28/Saturday 29 June for their European Council. I understand that the Prime Minister is likely to have engagements at the Conservative Women's Conference that weekend, and at the Welsh Conservative Party Conference the previous weekend. Alternatives would include 15/16, 17/18 or 24/25 June. As far as it is possible to say at this distance, which would suit the Prime Minister? The Luxembourgers have asked for a response by 27 July if possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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~~Amended~~  
Can we do?

~~Charles~~  
I have marked  
the dates in the  
diary. AP 12/12

18 December 1989

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Dear Charles,

Italian Presidency: European Council

The Italians have proposed the dates of Friday 14/  
Saturday 15 December 1990 for their European Council.  
They have asked for views by 20 December.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether  
these dates are likely to be possible for the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

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