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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE EDG

On Wednesday you are seeing the Conservative members of the European Parliament at 5.00. Also attending will be the Foreign Secretary, the Chairman and the Chief Whip. This meeting has already received considerable attention in the press and I understand that there is great interest in it.

I have discussed with Christopher Prout how the meeting should be handled. He will be letting me have a detailed note for you on Monday, but his preliminary thoughts are that the agenda should be as follows:

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Mike Peadar*

1. The single market - what further initiatives are required to make 1992 a reality.
2. Co-ordination between the EDG and
 - a) The other parties in the Parliament - progress on the EDG's application to join the Christian Democrats
 - b) Westminster MPs
 - c) Central Office and the Party
 - d) The Government
3. The Inter-Governmental Conference and EMU - this is obviously the area where we are most likely to differ. Our MEPs all wish to see an increase in the powers of the Parliament; Christopher is keen to stress that this does not mean a transfer of power from Westminster to the Community, but rather a shift in the balance of power between the Community's institutions.

I am not sure that this will wash, but Christopher hopes that the meeting will agree to the setting up of a mechanism for dialogue between the Government and the EDG to discuss this question.

4. Eastern Europe - Christopher would like to end on a less contentious subject and believes that the EDG would like to hear your views on recent developments, and in particular the prospect of re-unification, the proposed European Development Bank and business opportunities in Eastern Europe.

Inevitably, a number of our MEPs will speak to the press after the meeting. In order to ensure that the press hear the message we wish to put out, Christopher is proposing to issue a statement himself. He and I are working on this and I will show you a draft on Monday. I believe the Chairman will also be giving press interviews.

There will be about 40 people present at the meeting and I would suggest using the Pillared Room. The EDG are also keen to be photographed with you and this could be done before we get down to the substance. Edward Llewellyn of the Research Department has asked if he could sit in; since he deals with the EDG daily and is our principle source of intelligence, I think this would be useful. Christopher has also asked if he may bring the Secretary-General of the EDG who is actually a Dane, but a great supporter of yours.

Content to hold the meeting in the Pillared Room?

Content to be photographed with the Group?

Content that Edward Llewellyn and the EDG Secretary- General should attend?

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JOHN WHITTINGDALE
19th January, 1990

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SUGGESTED AGENDA

I. General Introduction (Prout)

II. Eastern Europe

1. Introduction (Newton Dunn)

Suggested supplementaries if required:

2. Commentary on the Views of Bush, Baker, Mitterand, Kohl, Delors (Bethall)
3. Assistance to Politicians in East Europe (McMillan-Scott)
4. EBRD (Moorhouse)
5. Association and Co-operation Agreements (Moorhouse)
6. Opportunities for British Business (Peter Beazley)

III. Progress and Outstanding Areas of difficulty in the Single Market

1. Introduction (Cassidy)

Suggested supplementaries if required:

2. Agriculture and the Single Market (Spencer)
3. Liberalization of Services (Price)
4. VAT (Patterson)
5. Transport (McMillan-Scott)
6. Implementation (Prout)
7. Enforcement (Caroline Jackson)

IV. Economic and Monetary Union

1. Introduction (Patterson)

Suggested supplementaries if required:

2. Completing Stage I (Catherwood)
3. Irrevocably Fixed Exchange Rates (Patterson)
4. Independent Central Bank (Stevens)
5. Democratic Accountability (Patterson)

V. Co-operation and Co-ordination

1. Introduction (Prout)

Suggested supplementaries if required:

2. With Continental Parties (Turner)
3. With Central Office (Christopher Jackson)
4. With Westminster (Scott-Hopkins)
5. With Whitehall (Prout)

EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC GROUP

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER - WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY 1990

Sir Christopher PROUT
Mr. Christopher BEAZLEY
Mr. Peter BEAZLEY
Lord BETHELL
Mr. Bryan CASSIDY
Sir Fred CATHERWOOD
Mrs. Margaret DALY
The Hon. James ELLES
Dr. Caroline JACKSON
Mr. Christopher JACKSON
Mr. Edward KELLETT-BOWMAN
Mr. Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT
Mr. James MOORHOUSE
Mr. Bill NEWTON DUNN
Lord O'HAGAN
Mr. Ben PATTERSON
Mr. Derek PRAG
Mr. Peter PRICE
Miss Patricia RAWLINGS
Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS
Mr. Madron SELIGMAN
~~Mr. Richard SIMMONDS~~
Mr. Anthony SIMPSON
Mr. Tom SPENCER
Mr. John STEVENS
Sir Jack STEWART-CLARK
Mr. Amedee TURNER
Mr. Michael WELSH

Harold Kohler
Edward Hevellyn
Foreign Sec
Cliff Whip
Chairman,

FRONT DOOR

Tomorrow at 12.00 Sir Christopher Prout, Edward Llewellyn and Maurice Fraser will be coming in to see John Whittingdale.

At about 4.45pm, Harvey Thomas from Central Office and Eric Roberts, who is a photographer, will be coming to photograph the Prime Minister at the beginning of her meeting with the MEPs (at 5.00pm). I attach also a list of those expected at that time.

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23rd January, 1990

FRONT DOOR AND POLICE

MEETING WITH EDG, 24th January at 5pm

There will be large numbers of press coming this afternoon to see the MEPs coming to see the Prime Minister at 5.00pm.

Mike Gunton and Angie Bray from Central Office Press Office will be coming at around 4.30 to organise the press in the Street into pens etc.

The only names of press I have are from Yorkshire TV, and I understand that they do not have MET passes:

Paul Houlston - Camera

Warwick Wride - Sound

Barry Inez - Electrician

Charlotte Milligan - Reporter

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24th January, 1990

FRONT DOOR

I have now been given the names of more reporters who will be coming into the street this afternoon for the meeting with the EDG.

BBC Radio News wish to bring their radio car registration D360 FUW, driven by Sam Taylor.

BBC TV News have a car and a power vehicle car reg E987 EBY; van reg D186 FUW.

Also, the EDG Press Office would like to send a man called Chris White.

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24th January, 1990

FRONT DOOR

MORE BBC crews for this afternoon!

Tim Meacock

David Spedding

Les Curtis.

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FRONT DOOR

Yet more names of people from the press
who will be coming this afternoon:

from the European Business Channel

David Bellin - reporter

Tobias Wolf - reporter

Miguel Ragagez - crew

Peter Gibbs - crew

Belinda Hollows - crew.

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24th January, 1990