

PRIME MINISTER

Telephone Call with Dr. FitzGerald

Dr. FitzGerald is to telephone you at 1015 tomorrow.

The main subject will be the Presidency of the European Commission. A minute from Sir Geoffrey Howe is attached. It suggests that you sound out Dr. FitzGerald on what he knows of German intentions; and then say that, if there is not a good German candidate, you would favour Davignon. It also suggests that you make clear that we will not accept Cheysson but are more open-minded about Delors (Foreign Office officials are moving to the view that Delors could be the best candidate, particularly if we can get a promise of the Commission Secretary General post in exchange). You would also want to be aware that Lubbers has sent you a message pressing Andriessen's claims. He is good and, in my view, would be better than a Frenchman: but Davignon is better still.

Dr. FitzGerald will also raise the question of the two committees set up at Fontainebleau. One will be the committee of permanent representatives of heads of government and will consider ways to improve European co-operation generally. The other, which is more likely to be at official level, will deal with the suggestions put forward for 'A People's Europe'. You will want to find out at what level Dr. FitzGerald intends these groups to operate. Assuming the first is at political level Geoffrey Howe will probably recommend that Malcolm Rifkind should be our representative, with David Williamson on the other one.

You should also be aware that Dr. FitzGerald has today sent you a message on Kinsale Gas. You might just tell him

that you have received it and will reply in due course.

Separate card with points to make to Dr. FitzGerald
attached.

C.D.P.

10 July 1984

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5. Many thanks for your message on
Kinsale Gas, just received. Will
look into it carefully and let you
have a reply soon.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 July, 1984

Presidency of the EC Commission

I wrote to you on Friday to say that the Taoiseach would be telephoning the Prime Minister on 11 July to discuss this question.

Mr. Kirwin, Assistant Secretary in the Department of the Taoiseach, gave me some further background this morning. He said that during Dumas' visit to Dublin last week, he had claimed that the Germans were withdrawing their candidate. There were two possible French candidates: Delors and Cheysson. The purpose of the Taoiseach's telephone call would be to establish whether agreement was possible on a French candidate. I asked whether the Irish Government had any independent confirmation from the Germans that they were withdrawing their candidate. Mr. Kirwin said that they did not yet, but were taking steps to find out.

Mr. Kirwin added that the Taoiseach was also likely to raise the question of the ad hoc committee on institutions, which it was agreed to set up at Fontainebleau. I should be grateful if the briefing for the Prime Minister could cover this point also.

C. D. POWELL

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R. B. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 July 1984

Presidency of EC Commission

The Taoiseach will be telephoning the Prime Minister on Wednesday 11 July to discuss the Presidency of the EC Commission.

I should be grateful if you could let me have briefing for the Prime Minister by the evening of Tuesday 10 July.

Charles Powell

R.B. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION

Dr. FitzGerald is planning to make a round of telephone calls next Wednesday to Community Heads of Government in connection with the Presidency of the European Commission. We have agreed, in principle, that you will speak to him at 1015 hours that day.

Agree?

Yes

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previously agree

line with the F.C.S.

C.D.P.

C.D. Powell
6 July 1984

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Charles
P1. will you fix a time with Mr. Kirwin
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cc Charles Powell 6.7.

Mr Kirwin, Assistant Secretary in the Department of the Taoiseach telephoned (4.55 pm) to say that Dr Fitzgerald is making a round of telephone calls to Heads Of Government in connection with the candidates for the European Commission next Wednesday, 11 July.

in the morning
He would like to make a call to the Prime Minister and would like some idea as to what time would suit her, in order to fit in all the other calls. Mr Kirwin has suggested 10.00 am but will fall in with the Prime Minister's wishes.

I said that you would ring him back as soon as possible - Dublin 766-031

Angela
5.7.84

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