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11 September 1986

CDP
 4.45 - 18.15
 Thursday 4 Dec
 at 10.10
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 4 Dec is a questions
 day. Can we do later
 afternoon?
 PAB
 Is there time
 in to diary on
 4 December
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 12/9

Dear Charles,

Visit of Mr Lubbers

You will remember that I recently drew your attention to the fact that Mr Lubbers will be in the United Kingdom on 4 December, prior to the European Council on 5/6 December, to attend a dinner given in his honour by the United Kingdom Branch of The American-European Community Association.

The Foreign Secretary believes it would be useful if the Prime Minister could spare the time to see Mr Lubbers in advance of the European Council, perhaps on the afternoon of 4 December. Your letter of 6 January on the UK Presidency is also relevant. Mr Lubbers should be a useful ally on some of the themes on which we are likely to want to concentrate at the European Council (further impetus to work on the internal market, our ideas on employment, lightening the burden on businesses and creating favourable conditions for SMEs).

Yours ever,

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From the Private Secretary

6 November 1986

VISIT OF MR. LUBBERS

BF // Thank you for your letter of 5 November about the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr. Lubbers on 4 December at 1745. I can now confirm this time. I am sure the Prime Minister would be content for Mr. van den Broek to attend.

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Prime Minister

You agreed to see Mr. Lubbers the day before the European Council. Agree Sean Charles that Mr. Van den Broek can be there too?

Visit of Mr Lubbers

CDP 5/11 Yes not

Thank you for your letter of 15 September about the Prime Minister's hope to see Mr Lubbers on 4 December at 1745. We have put this to the Dutch as you requested.

Mr Lubbers' office have told our Embassy that Mr Lubbers would expect Mr van den Broek to attend his meeting with the Prime Minister. This is normal Dutch practice, reflecting the constitutional relationship in Holland between the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister in foreign affairs.

It would be helpful if you could let me know if this provisional appointment can now be confirmed and if the Prime Minister would be content in the circumstances for Foreign Ministers to participate.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

15 September 1986

VISIT OF MR. LUBBERS

Thank you for your letter of 11 September asking whether the Prime Minister would be able to see Mr. Lubbers on 4 December. It is of course a very busy time indeed but I would hope it would be possible for the Prime Minister to see Mr. Lubbers at 1745 that day. But could this please be put to the Dutch as a provisional appointment which the Prime Minister very much hopes to keep.

(Charles Powell)

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