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Dear Stephen

ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION: BEYOND STRASBOURG

I know your posts in Community countries have mounted a very active lobbying campaign in the run up to Strasbourg to highlight the problems of Stage II and III of the Delors proposals and the advantages of our alternative approach. You are no doubt already giving thought to how best to carry forward the argument after Strasbourg. The Chancellor thinks there could well be advantage in a co-ordinated programme of Ministerial speeches, articles, and interviews in at least some of the Community countries over the coming months to alert informed opinion to the issues and to build up support for our arguments. He and other Treasury Ministers would certainly be willing to take part in this and Ministers from other departments - and possibly other respected figures from outside the Government - may also be interested. He would be grateful for your advice and from posts abroad on how best to take this forward.

I am sending copies of this letter to **Charles Powell** and Neil Thornton.

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