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*From the Private Secretary*

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**EMU: BRITISH DRAFT TREATY AMENDMENTS**

The Prime Minister thinks it would be a good idea for him and the Chancellor to write to a few key people in the Community before we table our draft treaty amendments on EMU, to encourage them to come out with some helpful comments.

Subject to the Chancellor's views, he thought that he might himself write to Chancellor Kohl, M. Santer and Mr. Lubbers (and possibly Senor Gonzalez and Professor Cavaco Silva). The Chancellor might want to write to some or all of his Finance Minister colleagues and to Herr Poehl. The messages would need to go fairly early in the New Year, bearing in mind the Prime Minister is likely to leave on 6 January for a visit to the Gulf.

I should be grateful for advice and drafts if you think this is a good idea.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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