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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

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*Dear John,*

EMU

In his letter to you of 30 December, Charles Powell relayed the Prime Minister's enquiry about the Chancellor's intentions for publicising the draft Treaty amendments on EMU. The Prime Minister has now amplified his thinking on this. He believes the launch should be a high profile affair as it is important that we look enthusiastic/well briefed/well intentioned. If the presentation were to go off at half-cock, the United Kingdom's proposals could be sidelined. He has therefore raised the following questions:

- (i) Will the Chancellor be holding a press conference?  
Will he have an opening statement?
- (ii) Will officials, eg Sir Terry Burns and Mr Wicks, brief selected journalists?
- (iii) What briefing on our intentions is proposed for posts abroad?
- (iv) Have we lined up academics and City pundits to write articles in support, eg Bill Robinson and Sir Michael Butler?
- (v) Is Sir Leon Brittan being briefed by the Chancellor?  
What about Sam Brittan?
- (vi) Will Q and A material be generated on the provisions and statute for the EMF, our tactics and intentions from now on, and our sticking points?
- (vii) Will briefing be sent to parliamentary backbenchers, eg David Howe, William Clark, Terence Higgins and Ian Taylor?

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The Chancellor is seeing the Prime Minister tomorrow morning. I suggest the presentation effort could be finalised then.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Andrew*

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