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Prime Minister ①



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I think it makes sense.

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*Yes. A good idea
of 6.11*

*The article to be placed as
widely as possible.*

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Presentation of policy before Maastricht

The Foreign Secretary has been considering the public presentation of our policy in the European press in the remaining weeks before Maastricht.

There will be a great deal of press coverage of the IGCs in the run-up to the European Council, and considerable interest in the British position. The Foreign Secretary will be placing a number of articles on specific subjects and targeted at specific audiences in the European press during November. He and Mr Garel-Jones will also take opportunities to place written and other interviews in the press largely in connection with their visits abroad.

In addition to this, the Foreign Secretary believes it would be useful if an article by the Prime Minister could be placed in as many newspapers as possible in all other member states in the week before the European Council. This could be a crystallised version of the Prime Minister's opening speech in the House of Commons debate (which will itself be reported in Europe), suitably edited and put into article form.

If the Prime Minister agrees, we should aim to place this article in the week beginning Sunday 1 December.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney
(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Important issues are at stake in the present negotiations. It is right that they should be debated.

I have set out the Government's determination to work for agreement at Maastricht, provided that agreement satisfies a number of important principles which I have described to the House before and which I shall spell out again in the debate.

It will not be possible to reach an agreement that satisfies every Member of this House. I shall continue to work for an agreement that is acceptable to the clear majority in this House and in the country who want to continue to make a success of our membership.

I shall listen carefully to all the views that are put forward. At Maastricht I shall make a judgement in the interests of this country and our continuing role as a leader of the Community. It is only this Government which has the policies to promote Britain's interests in the European Community.



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From the Private Secretary

6 November 1991

PRESENTATION OF POLICY BEFORE MAASTRICHT

Thank you for your letter of 4 November proposing an article by the Prime Minister to be placed in as many European newspapers as possible in the week before the European Council.

The Prime Minister thinks this is a good idea.

I should be grateful if you would let me have a draft by Thursday, 21 November.

(J. S. WALL)

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