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Dear Charles



The Chancellor believes that it would not now be sensible to launch the paper on Tuesday 31 October, as originally planned. Instead, he would propose to make it available in the Vote Office and Printed Paper Office at 3.30 pm on Thursday 2 November, shortly before the House of Commons adjournment debate on EMU later in the afternoon. It would be released to the press at the same time. The Chancellor would propose that it should be sent to his fellow Finance Ministers late the previous afternoon, so as to conform with the usual courtesies. He is satisfied that there would be no significant risk of the document being leaked as a result.

We shall be sending you a copy of the final, printed version of the paper, taking into account earlier comments from the Prime Minister, DTI and FCO, *early next week.*

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Lord President of the Council and the Leader of the House of Lords.

*Yours
JGI.*

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