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PRIME MINISTER

I attach a letter which  
I think it might be useful if  
I were to send to the  
Chancellor of the Duchy's  
Private Secretary. Would  
you be content for me to do  
so?

*And*

*No - there are  
= more  
important things  
to make & needs  
done.  
me*

8 May 1981



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*From the Private Secretary*

Public Attitudes to Europe

The Prime Minister was pleased to see that the Chancellor of the Duchy's speech about Europe received good coverage in the press. As you know, she has for some time been concerned about the amount of public misunderstanding over Britain's membership of the Community. She thought that Mr. Pym's speech struck the right note in setting out the broader reasons for our membership, without disguising that there is much wrong with the Community which we are working to put right. She hopes that other Ministers will look for opportunities to make these points in the course of their speeches. The approach of the British Presidency in the second half of this year, and the difficult negotiations which will be going on then about the Community budget, makes this a suitable time to try to get across to the public some of the positive aspects of Britain's membership of the Community.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries of all members of the Cabinet and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

David Heyhoe, Esq.,  
Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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MR FRANKLIN

Public Attitudes to Europe

The Prime Minister has decided that she would prefer that I did not write to Mr. Heyhoe about the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's recent speech.

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12 May 1981

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