

PRIME MINISTER

Meeting on EC issues

There are three matters to discuss:

(a) A possible Commission request that we should make an advance payment of £100 million on 20 March.

Please see the Chancellor's letter attached. This is very awkward. I suggest that you take this item first - and if you agree I shall ask the Chief Whip and the Leader of the House to attend for this item only (they both want to). Agree?

(b) The package of issues for the European Council.

Please see Mr. Williamson's brief attached.

(c) Possible letter to President Mitterrand.

We discussed today. I have revised the letter and slightly revised the paper. In the light of the meeting's discussion of the VAT share/expenditure share gap formula you will wish to decide whether to send this letter to President Mitterrand. If you are going to do so, we should send it immediately after the meeting.

A.S.C.

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{ 100% compensation.
Moderating expenditure }

Safety net.