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Please see para. 5 over the page. Officials were rather negative - rightly in my view - on symbols like European flags, antennas, football teams & so on. David Williamson & I

Future Development of the Community: Ad Hoc Committees on Institutions and "A People's Europe"

1. There was a useful discussion in OD(E) on 12 September about the line which our representatives, Malcolm Rifkind and David Williamson, should take in the two ad hoc committees set up by the Fontainebleau European Council. Both committees are expected to meet before the end of the month.

I thought that this would be your view, in the light of your remarks. Some of your colleagues appeared more enthusiastic. Agree

2. There are one or two points arising from the minutes on which I should like to comment.

Frontier Formalities

3. Mr Powell recorded in his letter of 6 August to my Private Secretary your request for recommendations in early September on how the United Kingdom could respond to moves in the Community towards the abolition of frontier formalities. For reasons which David Waddington set out in his letter of 20 August, this gives the Home Office considerable difficulties and OD(E) were able to have only a preliminary discussion of this question. Ministers will have to come back to it when we have had time to consider the paper Home Office officials are now working on. This means, I am afraid, some delay in making recommendations to you.

to ask that any conclusions from OD(E) be submitted to you? / CDD

4. When we do consider the question of frontier formalities, we must bear in mind Norman Tebbit's point (his letter to me of 12 September) that, in the eyes of our partners, there is a connection between free movement of people and attempts to open up the internal market. We are agreed that we should concentrate

Yes - I think officials look the right way here.

will request if required.
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on the internal market and particularly liberalisation of air transport and services; we have already put forward a number of ideas, and more are being worked up. I think it important however to recognise that progress over the internal market, and in bringing home its benefits to the citizens of the Community, will be considerably facilitated if further progress can be made in reducing frontier formalities.

"A People's Europe"

5. OD(E) noted that the tone of the paper prepared by officials was rather negative on some points. We shall need to present our case in a positive manner when the committee gets under way.

6. I am copying this minute to members of OD(E), and to Leon Brittan, Patrick Jenkin, Patrick Mayhew, Paul Channon, David Mitchell and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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From the Private Secretary

24 September, 1984

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY: AD HOC COMMITTEES

ON INSTITUTIONS AND "A PEOPLE'S EUROPE"

The Prime Minister has considered the Foreign Secretary's minute of 21 September on this subject. She notes that there may be some delay in recommendations about further movements towards abolition of frontier formalities.

The Prime Minister is curious about the statement in paragraph 5 of the Foreign Secretary's minute that Ministers found the tone of the paper prepared by officials on "A People's Europe" rather negative. If the paper dealt with some of the suggestions for symbolic contributions towards a European identity which were mentioned at Fontainebleau, the Prime Minister thinks that officials were quite right to be negative. She would like to be left fully informed of the position which it is proposed to adopt on such suggestions.

The Prime Minister has also commented that as the United Kingdom is the only country which makes available supplementary benefit on a national scale, we should make every effort to restrict this help to British nationals. While this is not a matter likely to come up in either of the two committees, the Prime Minister would nevertheless like it to be pursued. I should be grateful for a note.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OD(E), and to Hugh Taylor (Home Office), John Ballard (Department of the Environment), Mrs. Barber (Solicitor General's Office), Steve Nicklen (Department of Trade), Dinah Nicols (Department of Transport) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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