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From the Private Secretary

29 June, 1982.

Common Fisheries Policy

During the European Council which has just ended the Prime Minister received a message from Mr. Walker recommending that she should draw Chancellor Schmidt's attention to the stage reached in discussion by Fisheries Ministers of the Common Fisheries Policy and urge him to use his influence to secure a rapid and final settlement.

The Prime Minister did not have a formal bilateral meeting with Chancellor Schmidt during the Council (the only time available being taken up by a breakfast meeting between Schmidt and Mitterrand). But at the dinner for Heads of Government last night the Prime Minister spoke to Chancellor Schmidt about the desirability of speedily concluding negotiations on the Common Fisheries Policy and in particular drew attention to the danger that Denmark would obstruct a settlement pending its assumption of the Presidency in the course of this week. Unfortunately, Chancellor Schmidt was unsighted and countered with an inapposite reference to Greenland. On this occasion the Prime Minister did not feel that her intervention had been effective.

I am copying this letter to Francis Richards (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and David Hancock (Cabinet Office).

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